

# Community News



## EHS Marching Tiger Band sponsoring Golf Tournament

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Elba Country Club. Starting time will be 10 a.m. Teams will be formed by handicap. Entry fee will be \$35 and includes lunch. Prizes will be awarded including closest to pin and longest drive. Door prizes will also be awarded. To sign up, contact the Elba Country Club at 897-6600 or Laura Baxley at 897-6451. All proceeds will help buy new drums for the band.

## Elba City Council motion to request citywide vote on elected school board dies on 3-3 tie vote

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council reapportioned three members of the Health Care Authority, which manages the local hospital and nursing home. In announcing the recommendations, Mayor James Grimes noted the authority was working well and continuing to expand services, and was doing this all without additional city tax funds. The council approved Chairman Drexel Cook for another six year term and Clayton Hickman and Reverend Virgil Coleman, both to additional two year terms.

The council also accepted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone a piece of property between the Kinston Highway and Shiloh Church Road from AG-1 to R-4. Councilman Ben Carpenter abstained, as he serves as chairman of the Zoning Board.

The City Council approved the new \$2,313,000 operating budget for 2000-2001 and adopted a long-term plan incentive plan for employees with over five years service to replace the annual \$75 Christmas bonus approved each year for all employees. Councilman Harold Bannin voted for the new budget but opposed the pay system change. The new budget is a \$165,500 increase over the 1999-2000 budget.

The projected income shows a \$5,000 drop in the 2¢ gasoline tax, \$6,000 drop in cigarette tax and a \$50,000 drop in funds from the SE Alabama Gas District. Expense decreases are expected in Administrative salaries (\$20,000), Garbage pickup and landfill fees (\$20,000) and a \$5,000 drop in retirement funding.

Capital expenditures have decreased by \$88,000 with no plans for new police cars, mowing equipment or matching any CDBG grants (sewer). Also, a \$57,000 cash reserve in the budget last year has been eliminated. There is \$50,000

in the new budget, earmarked for street resurfacing and \$16,200 for recreation, expected to be used on two additional ball fields.

Also approved was bills totaling \$33,421.44. This included \$5,082.77 for recreation equipment and uniforms; \$5,243.97 on vehicle and equipment maintenance; \$2,737.40 for legal and other advertisements and \$2,011.50 for concrete.

The council voted to restrict the use of the Claxton Avenue Recreation Center to non-profit groups and family reunions. Mayor Grimes reported that twice recently commercial enterprises had rented the facility and he asked the council if that was the intention of council members when they set the fees several months ago. Council members expressed concern over the increased utility cost from the all day commercial rentals and the additional wear on the carpeted floor from the heavy use and moving in and out of heavy items by these commercial operations.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the sewer improvement and drainage upgrade contractors were now progressing well. He expects street resurfacing to get done this week if the weather permits. He told council members that the project engineers have been respecting the sewer system and are pleased with the progress.

Mayor Grimes reported that the major sewer project, funded with a USDA grant and loan, was being completed at about \$200,000 under projected cost. Grimes further explained that the city was required to first use the loan proceeds and were now working on the grant funds, which were not all going to be used unless something is added to the project. He told council members that USDA has approved the purchase of some sewer related maintenance equipment with the additional funds and with council approval they would begin seeking bids on things like a new backhoe,

under-the-road boring machine, asphalt saw, etc. Council members approved the action as long as it is approved by USDA and any legally required bid laws are followed.

Councilman Harold Bannin made a motion to ask the legislative delegation to begin work to give Elba an elected school board. He was asked by City Attorney Jeff Kelley to wait until he researched the new law to define the exact procedure for this action. However, Bannin insisted on making the motion, which was seconded, but went down on a 3-3 tie vote. John W. Sharpless, Ben Carpenter and Mayor Grimes opposed the motion being approved before an advisory opinion from the city attorney while Bannin, Winzel Gray and Ronnie Hammond voted for the motion.

## Britainy Mobley wins scholarship



Britainy Lee Mobley, daughter of Wilson and Zella Mobley of Victoria, has been selected as the winner of the Pegasus Publishing Award Foundation Scholarship. Her selection was based on outstanding leadership, personal achievements and high grade point average.

Out of the thousands of scholarship applications received from across the country, Britainy was one of the eight selected winners. Her name, along with the other scholarship winners, will be announced in the 1999-2000 edition of Who's Who in Sports.

## Deadline to purchase tickets to Elba's chamber banquet announced

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area is the site of the banquet and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. This year's banquet will feature an awards ceremony for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba shine. The business of the year, chamber member of the year and "Spirit of Elba" are a few of the awards that will be given at the ceremony.

Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber board member. The cost is \$15 and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 25. Dress for the event is casual.

## ESJC News Update

FREE adult education classes are offered in basic reading, writing, math and to prepare for the GED Test. Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network bring classes to New Philadelphia Church in Elba on Thursdays from 5:30-8 p.m.; New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m.; Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, on Mondays from 9 a.m. - Noon; and four separate sessions to ESJC on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m.; on Thursdays Fridays English and Math Review/GED Preparation classes are held from 9 a.m. - Noon. Enrollment is open at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 to find out more about these special FREE classes.

FREE classes in English at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels for those who do not speak, read or write the language are offered at Enterprise State Junior College on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. These classes are offered through ESJC and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network. To find out more call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

Training is now offered FREE at Enterprise State Junior College for those persons interested in volunteering assistance for regularly scheduled Adult Education or English as a Second Language classes. Volunteers can be useful in tutoring, computer software assistance, recordkeeping, clerical, testing, and new student orientation. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

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Elba awarded \$22,000 grant for preservation

The City of Elba is to receive a \$22,000 historic rehabilitation grant from the state historic preservation grants program.

The grant award we announce represents another step in the preservation of our unique and wonderful history. Everyone benefits from these grants projects. They permit the Alabama Historical Commission to continue its immeasurably important work and provides local governments and non-profit organizations needed financial support," said Lee Warner, executive director of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Grant monies will be used to rehabilitate the Old County Jail, circa 1912. The building will be adaptively reused as offices for the local Chamber of Commerce, a local history museum and community meeting place.

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Dakota Morris Catches Eight Pound Bass

**INSIDE**  
ZC Welcomes Exchange Student From Germany

**INSIDE**  
Phillip & Janna Curtis Announce Birth of Son

# The Elba Clipper

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## Governor makes brief visit to county

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman was in Coffee County Tuesday morning pointing out the disrepair of many rural bridges in Alabama. The governor visited the bridges across Big Creek on County County

Road 308 in North Coffee County and personally inspected the 18 pilings on these two bridges which are a potential danger to the stability of the bridges and safety to traffic.

Siegelman discussed his plan to fix Big Creek Bridges, additional bridges in Coffee County and 3,000

bridges throughout Alabama that are in need of repair.

"Each day school buses transporting Alabama children are forced to detour more than 17,000 miles because of unsafe bridges," Siegelman said. "These detours by school buses cost the state \$7 million dollars a year."

County Engineer Randy Tindol said the reason Coffee County has no more bad bridges that it has is because the County Commissioners have recognized the need and worked to replace them whenever bridge funds were made available from tax sources or otherwise. Tindol said that after replacing the two bridges on Highway 308 the balance will be used to resurface some county roads as selected by the County Commission. The county is repairing a bridge across Cripple Creek, one mile East of Kinston with local funds.

Estimates are that the funds would be available to the county sometime next Spring, if the voters approve Amendment #1. Tindol said plans are already ready for bid letting as soon as the money is allocated.

The governor said this \$250 million dollar investment in Alabama's county roads and bridges would be the largest investment of its kind for the state since Big Jim Folsom's Farm to Market road project some 50 years ago. The plan is part of Amendment #1 which will provide for a greater return on Alabama's oil and gas royalty income and allow Alabama to invest inroads and bridges, rebuild the state's agricultural labs and revitalize the state port facility while promoting economic growth and expansion.

"Amendment One is the only way to fix these bridges without raising taxes," Siegelman said. Coffee County road and bridge repair would receive \$3,250,000 from Siegelman's plan.

## School Board battles finances and lunchroom problems

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board voted last Thursday evening to borrow \$75,000 to cover the anticipated cash shortfall in this fiscal year. Superintendent Danny Weeks told the board members that for the first time in his 15 years as superintendent, he had to request additional borrowing to close the fiscal year.

Another problem plaguing the board is the problem of students at school with no lunch money and parents who don't repay the money after the child is given credit. Last year over \$3,000 was written off by the office for nonpayment (over \$200 for one family). Weeks explained that state and federal regulations forbid use of lunch program funds in this manner. There-

fore the school itself extends the credit, using monies earmarked for other uses in the schools. Many students qualify for free or reduced cost lunches, but this is students who don't qualify.

Two mothers were at the meeting complaining about several elementary children being refused lunch because of outstanding charges. They were assured that all children would go fed somehow, even if it was not what other students were eating.

Weeks told of many teachers and administrators repeatedly giving children lunch and/or breakfast money.

A slush fund (or donation fund) was suggested and may be set in motion, but Weeks explained there are administrative problems with this also because they already have

the free and reduced rate lunches for those who qualify. He wondered about how to control this type fund when some children just forget the money occasionally while others from families with the same ability to pay just took advantage of the situation and never sent any lunch money.

Another suggestion was to buy a loaf of bread and jar of peanut butter to feed the children who failed to bring their lunch money to school.

Another suggestion was to take the parents who refuse to pay the bill to Small Claims Court.

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## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES.** The following games are set for Friday, September 22, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Elba Tigers are on the road against Opp. Zion Chapel travels to Arton; Kinston is at home against Florala (HC); New Brockton entertains Cottonwood; and Brantley plays host to Southern Choctaw.

**KINSTON HOMECOMING.** Kinston High School will celebrate homecoming for the 2000-01 football season on Friday, Sept. 22. The fun-filled homecoming day will begin with a parade at 2:15 p.m. The Kinston Athletic Club is sponsoring a barbecue. Plates are \$5 and may be picked up between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Open House and an Alumni Reception will be held in Mr. Gooden's classroom from 4-7 p.m. The main event of the night will be the Kinston vs. Florala football game. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, September 25, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area will be the site of the banquet, and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber board member. The cost is \$15 and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 25.



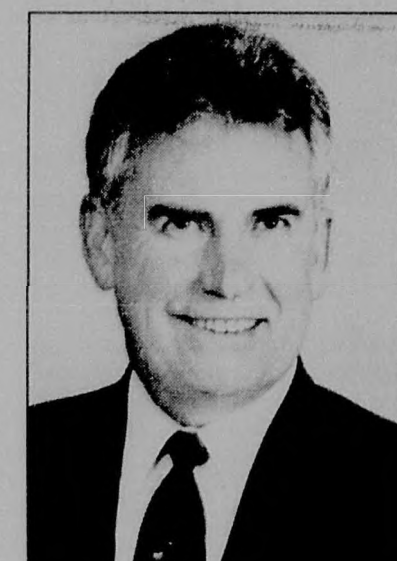
**YELLOW MEANS STOP!!** In this case, the yellow is a school bus. During the past several weeks, numerous school buses have once again taken to the road as local schools began the 2000-2001 school year. Recently, a student about to board one of these BIG YELLOW BUSES was forced to hit the ditch to avoid being struck by a vehicle. According to authorities, the vehicle failed to heed to the blinking red lights and the STOP sign on the side of the bus, and there were even other cars stopped waiting for the students to board the bus when the one car decided to pass the STOPPED bus anyway. This is not a fictitious scenario - it really happened! The bus driver and other witnesses were able to get a description of the vehicle and a tag number. Once the vehicle was located, a stern warning was given to its owner (in order to obtain an arrest warrant, the person actually driving the vehicle has to be identified). Everyone should remember, those YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES are carrying precious cargo, and the warning devices on these buses should be heeded by ALL! When the yellow caution lights begin flashing on a school bus, it indicates that the bus is about to stop within the next 200 to 300 feet. Once the red lights begin flashing, ALL traffic in both lanes (all four lanes should it be a four-lane highway) should immediately stop! Law enforcement officials warn that anyone failing to yield to stopped school buses will be dealt with to the fullest extent allowed law.

## Gammill seeking re-election as probate judge

Probate Judge William O. Gammill announces his candidacy for re-election as Probate Judge of Coffee County. "The past six years have been very rewarding, educational and challenging and I thank the citizens of Coffee County for the privilege of serving them as their Probate Judge. I sincerely hope the people will see fit to allow me another term to continue serving them."

Under Judge Gammill's leadership the Probate offices of Coffee County have grown and improved in every area. "The Probate office and Judge are responsible for a great number of important functions for the people and I believe we have made great strides to keep Coffee County moving forward. It would be difficult to enumerate all the positive changes that have accrued over the past six years."

We have worked hard to establish and maintain a pleasant, professional and friendly atmosphere with all employees in both Probate offices. Far more compliments than complaints have come our way over the past six years and we will continue to strive to improve this important area. The internal workings of the Probate offices have come a long way and are in good shape as they have ever been. Where internal procedures were



insufficient to provide proper security - they were changed. Where

technology was insufficient - it was upgraded. When workloads reached the point of diminished service to the public - more people were hired. We will continue to get better.

We've made a lot of progress and Coffee County elections are among the best in the state. The most obvious change has been from manual machines to electronic voting. These new machines have virtually eliminated any human error in accounting for votes and vote tabulations. They are quicker, more accurate and easier to set up and use.

In my first years as Probate Judge, we saved the county \$20,000 by changing the way we

Please See JUDGE Page 14

## John Coffee DAR & Wiregrass SAR Chapters honor Head and Till

Recognition will be given to two area residents during a first annual Constitution Week Awards Luncheon to start at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 in The Rawls in Enterprise.

The recipients are Circuit Court Judge Thomas E. Head III of Elba and Fred N. Till of Enterprise.

The luncheon is being sponsored jointly by the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, both located in Coffee County.

Judge Head is to be awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and certificate, while Till, a WWII veteran active in raising funds for the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., is expected to receive a donation to the memorial fund.

The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is awarded to recognize a variety of service in the field of law enforcement. Judge Head, 52, the grandson of a former Covington County Sheriff and the great-grandson of an ancestor who was a sheriff in Georgia, began as a part-time Assistant District Attorney in the Twelfth Judicial District.

Subsequently, he became the chief assistant district judge in Enterprise, was appointed a district court judge in January, 1987 and was elected a circuit court judge in the Twelfth Judicial District starting in January, 1995. He is unopposed for reelection.

Till, 79, enlisted in the Army

when he was 20 and by the end of fighting in Europe had won promotion to the grade of second lieutenant.

While serving with the 14th Squadron, 11th Armored Division, he helped liberate the Austrian concentration camp named Mauthausen two days before the fighting ended.

He served 20 years in the Army and retired from active service in the grade of major in 1962. He became an instructor pilot at Fort Rucker in 1964 and retired again in 1982.

He aids in the collection and distribution of donations for the WWII Memorial as a member of the 11th Armored Division Association.

The Alabama SAR Society President R.D. Hildreth will assist Wiregrass Chapter President Richard A. Kemp in presenting the award to Judge Head.

Mrs. Roy Hilton, vice regent of the John Coffee DAR Chapter, will make the presentation to Till.

## \*NOTICE\*

Effective October 1, 2000, the hours for the drive thru window at Elba City Hall will be 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The hours were previously 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

Preparations for the 4-laning of U.S. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia are progressing with fantastic speed. The public hearing last Thursday evening covered the area from Curtis into the edge of Covington County. The next hearing will be held this month in Opp and will deal with the section from the new 331 Bypass in Opp to the Coffee County section. From there, there will be a public hearing a couple of weeks later on the New Brockton Bypass. Acquiring of right-of-way on these sections is expected to get underway in early spring 2001.

Now - about the Elba sections of the 4-laning. As luck would have it, this is the area which is running behind. Highway department folks report the contractor in this area didn't start when the others did and is naturally behind the others for that reason. However, they are hoping to get the first drawings turned over to the highway department this week, and if so, that section should soon catch up with the balance of the 43 miles of highway widening. Public hearings on the Elba to New Brockton sections can't possibly be held before early 2001, is the word from "the man."

Hurricane Gordon has come and gone without leaving any rain on Alabama. Our friends in Florida and South Georgia got a good wetdown and there was some limited property damage but apparently no bad damage nor any deaths. Rain needs are still critical, but it would probably be the last and fatal blow to North Alabama farmers who are trying to harvest the few peanuts they were lucky enough to make during this drought year.

There is also good news on the levee work for both Elba and Geneva. Several telephone calls from the Washington offices of our legislative delegation had us floating on clouds Thursday. The details are long and full of Washington procedures, but the bottom line is that there is again activity on getting some promised federal money for repairs to these levees. We hesitate to put a friend on the spot, but last week we got a verbal promise from Representative Terry Everett that the money is coming . . . for sure. Everett said that he and Senators Shelby and Sessions have done their homework, greased the wheels, etc. in both the House of Representatives and Senate and Elba Mayor James Grimes should get that long awaited phone call soon. Things are working so well for the traditional funding pipeline that Everett said he has shelved an alternate plan to get our needed funds approved along with the emergency funding bills for the forest fire fighters out West. That excitement was tempered a bit Tuesday morning when a call from Senator Shelby's office cautioned us not to be over confident until the money was actually approved as there are 150 authorized projects for the Corp of Engineers which have not been funded this year! Personally, we think that all those cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails the people of Elba have been sending to Washington have had a positive impact on this project. In fact, it probably wouldn't hurt if they got a few hundred more within the next few days.

The Elba schools are in what appears to be a no win situation. Many parents don't remember to send lunch money for their children to eat breakfast and/or lunch. This is in addition to those students who qualify for the free lunches and reduced rate lunches funded by the federal government. It happens so often that the school runs a tab for the "forgetful" folks that no child will go hungry. However, this is against the federal regulations and the schools have recently been cited for this illegal action. In extreme situations, the feds could cut off ALL federal funding to the Elba lunch program for such violations! Not because of the nickels and dimes involved, but the hundreds of dollars in past due debts some parents have accumulated . . . over \$3,000 unpaid last year in the elementary school alone with individual bills amounting to \$101.00, \$150.00 and at least one over \$200.00. Now the lunchroom can't write that donation off, or even legally charge it, and all their monies are kept in separate accounts to please the feds who furnish many thousands of dollars to the school lunch program. Thus, the school office feeds the united front funds that are supposed to buy books, furnish paper towels in the bathrooms, etc. and that means that either school books, paper towels or something else goes lacking in these days of very limited school funds. Last week, the school computers cut off some of the overdue accounts and this caused more concerns as one now wants to see a child unfed. When our children were in school and forgot their lunch money, we got a phone call and made a special trip to the schoolhouse to ensure they had the money to be properly fed. Some working folks can't leave their job for that purpose, but they could at least send the money the next morning or next week. Our opinion of folks who abuse the system like this is not suitable for printing in a family newspaper and they would be considered unbecomingly rude. We have a special trip out loud. We will work on our feelings but urge parents to work on feeding their own children . . . even if it means giving up \$1.25 worth of cigarettes a day (or a can of beer)! Meanwhile the school staff should work harder at collecting the overdue accounts up to the point of going to court with the deadbeats who absolutely refuse to pay. Odds are that this "don't care" attitude would probably also impact heavily on some borderline child custody cases once it becomes public record in small claims court.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 11, 2000 through September 17, 2000. They were: Aaron Coleman, Jimmy Lee, Sylvester Rushing, Gwen Rayborn, Mary Dixon, Lloyd White III, Carolyn Jenkins, Beatrice Carley, Voncile Sanders, Shirley Donaldson, Mary Bryan, Olivia Wilkerson, Michael Jones, Melanie Pope, Ellie Mills, Betty Wilson, Rosa Webb, Susan Keith, Willie Kilcrease, Christy Pugh, David Hudson, Harry Griffin, Caleb Parrish, Jody Husey, Joe Smith, and Jimmy Davis.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Wanda Messick, Cleo Livingston, Nathaniel Flowers, Chris Moore, Barbara Tompkins, Johnny Manning, Jimmie Lee, Juanita Robinson, Carolyn Jenkins, Lloyd White III, Gwen Rayborn, Sylvester Rushing, Mary Dixon, Aaron Coleman, Voncile Sanders, Mary Bryan, Harry Griffin, Melanie Pope, Shirley Donaldson, Milton Allen, Ellie Mills, Christy Pugh, Susan Keith, Willie Kilcrease, David Hudson, Jimmy Davis, Beatrice Carley, and Michael Jones.

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## Pride, Tradition and Excellence returning to Elba Tiger Football

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Football season is in full swing in Alabama which means that it's time to spend our Friday nights, Saturdays and Sunday afternoons cheering our favorite teams to victory. Football is something that we folks down here in Southeast Alabama seem to begin learning about at birth. Some might even say that football is what we live and breathe for down here.

And, although we put a lot of stock in whether our team wins or not, there are more valuable lessons to be learned from the game rather than always winning. Football has been a part of Elba Tiger Football for as long as many of us can remember. Unfortunately, those wins have been hard to come by in the past several years. With that has come a lot of criticism and questioning of what has gone wrong with the football program at Elba High School. However, last week I realized that maybe the struggle of the past few years has blinded us to what is actually happening on the field this year.

Yes, football at Elba High School has been a part of Elba Tiger Football for as long as many of us can remember. Unfortunately, those wins have been hard to come by in the past several years. With that has come a lot of criticism and questioning of what has gone wrong with the football program at Elba High School. However, last week I realized that maybe the struggle of the past few years has blinded us to what is actually happening on the field this year.

Last week, Elba played one of its oldest rivalries in the Luvaine Tigers. Over the past few years, it has been a very heated competition. In 1999, the game was stopped in the third quarter because of a bench clearing fight which resulted in all the players being ejected from the game and each team receiving a forfeit. So, this year, everyone wondered what would happen when the two teams met again.

I never expected what I saw that night. The two teams, both off to tough starts for the 2000 season, played each other with the most respect I have seen from any team thus far. You would have never known that there was turmoil between the two teams a year ago.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 11, 2000, investigated the following incidents: four thefts of property, two harassing communications, one fraudulent use of a credit card, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one lost property, one possession of marijuana, one receipt of stolen property, one assault, one burglary, two criminal mischiefs, and one DUI.

The following arrests were made: two for receiving stolen property, one for assault, one for fraudulent use of a credit card, one for illegal breaking and entering a vehicle, one for theft of property, and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: thirty-one for speeding, thirty-three for violation of the fund belt law, three for violation of the child restraint law, nine for driver's license not in possession.

## BULLETIN BOARD

- SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Court house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday 6:00 Noon - 6:30 PM. Elba United Methodist Church
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6:00 p.m. - City Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - on side on W. Davis St.
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex 894-5585
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5585
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AARP AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. 4:00 p.m. City Hall - Community Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night 6:00 p.m.
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria
- ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH - In a world of uncertainty filled with sleepless nights there are few guarantees. However, each September parents and grandparents are

any in several years. You could tell how important a win on that particular Friday night was to them. I believe everyone in attendance had to realize that.

I became even prouder of the current student body when the band made a final stop before heading on to the bandroom. They stopped outside the football players dressing room and proceeded to play the "Fight Song" and "The Eye of the Tiger" in an effort to show the players how proud they had made their supporters on that particular evening.

As a member of the alumni, the football players, band and cheerleaders made me proud to say I from Elba High School last Friday night. They portrayed the Pride and Tradition our school has been built upon

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Elba First Assembly of God Youth Group would like to say thank you to everyone who donated or stopped by our car wash, Saturday, September 9th.

We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the following business for giving so unselfishly to the efforts of the youth to raise money for missionaries.

The Elba Texaco owner Dennis Lawford provided a great place for us to wash vehicles and the Ace Hardware owner Harold Wayne Lawford supplied materials for the car wash. Thank you for helping us in our ongoing pursuit to spread the gospel all over the world! YOU are an encouragement to us as well as the community!

Tim & Melissa Flowers and Jeff & Tammy Driggers

Dear Editor,

For two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12th and 13th, I attended an informative seminar hosted by Senator Wendell Mitchell, Dean of the Jones School of Law. This seminar was an Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference that explained the differences between mediation and arbitration. On both days, Alabama Consumer who have had experiences with arbitration in consumer contracts were given an opportunity to speak. This seminar was free and open to the public.

Cumberland School of Law Professor Stephen Ware and Jones' Alternative Dispute Resolution Director Ken Dunham lectured the attendees on mediation and arbitration. State Senator Larry Dixon, Charles Langford and George Callahan attended the conference to learn about mediation and arbitration and to interact with concerned citizens. What is bothersome to me is the fact that the media chose not to cover this event and they knew that it was scheduled.

Today in Alabama, when you purchase or lease a vehicle, purchase life or health insurance, purchase a manufactured home, purchase a brick home, start a new job, open a checking or savings account, borrow money from a large bank or "secondary" lending company, get a credit card, get a cellular phone or pager, use a check cashing store, catalog store, or title pawnshop, you are required to sign a contract that contains an arbitration agreement. Basically, almost all consumer contracts for the routine purchase of goods and services contain an arbitration agreement. As you can see, no one in our state is immune from the disadvantages of arbitration.

Personally, I am insulted that big business thinks so little of me that they would require me to sign away one of my constitutional rights - "the right to a trial by jury." This is a fundamental right, guaranteed by the 7th Amendment, and all consumers are being denied this right by the inclusion of arbitration clauses in nearly every consumer transaction. Consumers are not allowed to strike through the arbitration clause.

Arbitration in consumer contracts "closes the doors of the courthouse to consumers." Consumers are not being given the choice to enter into contracts with or without arbitration. This fact needs to be reported. Thank you Senator Mitchell for hosting this informative seminar. Please do so again. It is needed.

Sincerely yours,  
Jeffrey Todd Webb

Dear Editor,

I took offense at two points raised by your sports editor, Ricky Mularz, in his "Views from the Press Box" column of September 14, 2000. Perhaps I should just let it pass, but when I think that someone is abusing or taking undue advantage of our kids, I can't just "let it pass."

Mr. Mularz's implication that our kids do not care whether they win or lose was completely out of line. Football IS A GAME, and at this level, it's supposed to be FUN. That is not to say they shouldn't take a game seriously, but we as adults have got to remember that IT IS A GAME. Attitudes like that of Mr. Mularz, (expecting a kid to play in pain) have cut short the promising future of more than one athlete. Mr. Mularz is entitled to his opinion, but who does he think he is to belittle (dog) our kids from his column for his perception of a lack of effort. Comments concerning an individual player's effort are best left to those professionally trained to evaluate them. Perhaps a little more BOOSTING them up, rather than RIDING them down, would produce a different perspective.

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prices. I thought his comments were suggesting that we were overcharging people, but in four years that I've been working with the Band Boosters on concessions, there HAS NOT been a price increase. The most expensive thing we had to sell that night was a \$1.50 hamburger. Any way you do the math, \$15.00 would buy a lot of food.

The City of Elba, and the Elba City School Board do not budget any money for the band program at the High School or Elementary School other than the directors' salaries. The Band Booster fund raises money for the band program, including the instruments, music and transportation cost. So you see, that \$1.50 spent on Friday night is much more than just a hamburger, it is an investment in the future of our children. I for one think it is likely to be the greatest bargain in our city.

Sincerely  
Fred Mallory

Dear Editor,

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School. It is your responsibility to recover this money, but this is not the way. Do not punish the child for this mistake. Do not let these accounts get so far behind before you take action, again do not punish the child for this mistake.

Parents, it is your responsibility to pay your child's lunch account. I suggest to anyone who pays their children's lunch account every two weeks, go get a print out of the lunch account to make sure the amount is right. I know several parents who pay and they get negative slips sent home. So check it out before you pay anything. If you think you are eligible for free or reduced lunch, go to your local school and fill out the appropriate forms. Don't let your child be humiliated or hungry, for this there is no excuse!! If your child is not eligible for free or reduced lunch, or you cannot afford regular lunch fees, pack your child a lunch.

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The school system in which your child attends should always be available for help in resolving any negative balance in which your child's account may have. If for any reason, you cannot get help from your local school, contact the superintendent or local school board. There is a solution to these kinds of problems in our school systems. PTO and anyone who loves a child to make sure things like this never happen again. Everyone get involved. Remember, city starts at home. Pray for our children, love our children and feed our children.

Kendra Pope and Lisa Garner  
Concerned parents of kids in Elba Elba, AL

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## AREA DEATHS

LARINE "DOODLEY" R. JINRIGHT

Mr. Larine "Doodley" R. Jinright, age 87, of 847 County Road 212, Jack, Ala., died Sept. 15, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Larry Doster and Rev. Zealton Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Eavie Ree Jinright, Jack; two daughters: Nellie Smith, New Brockton, Theresa Ann Hughes, Chancellor; six sons: John Rayford Jinright, Larine Starling Jinright, Edward Joseph Jinright, all of New Brockton, Robert William Jinright, Troy, Kenneth Richard Jinright, William Earl Jinright, both of Jack; two sisters: Leslie Fuller, Columbus, Ga., Velma Miles, Enterprise; two brothers: Hershel Jinright, Columbus, Ga., Thomas Jinright, Panama City, Fla.; 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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# CHURCH

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dr. Tony Dye

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

## "Encouraging Others"

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." - Ephesians 4:29

Joan Benoit, the 1984 gold medalist in the first women's Olympic marathon, writes in her book, *Running Tide*:

"The neighborhood beach association hired a lifeguard for the summer. He was also a Red Cross certified instructor in water safety; every summer he gave out certificates to kids who passed the Red Cross swimming tests.

While I did not sink like a piece of lead in saltwater, I was no great swimmer either. Every summer I was determined to show that lifeguard I could pass his tests, and every summer I failed. Every year the lifeguard watched me try once, then as much as said I should forget it. I think he believed I was hopeless, but I refused to be discouraged. His attitude made me so mad I vowed I would never give up. I kept working at it for the next three summers. Finally, when I was thirteen, I earned my Junior Lifesaving and Water Safety card.

My feelings were hurt, not so much by the lifeguard as by my own limitations. I looked up to him because he was one of the best athletes my town had produced; I wanted to impress him and never did. He had no idea I was knocking myself out for a few kind words."

We live in a day where it's easy to criticize. People take their shots at one another with great venom. True Christians encourage others.

Perhaps once in a hundred years a person may be ruined by excessive praise, but surely once every minute someone dies inside for a lack of it.

I would like to  
**Thank ALL**

the people of District 5

for returning to the polls on September 12

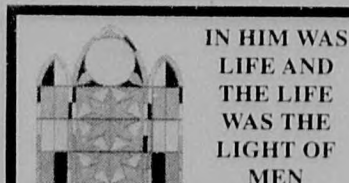
and re-electing me as  
your city councilman.

"I will work and serve the people of District 5 and all the citizens of our Elba to the best of my ability. You will have a voice in all city business and issues that come before the council panel. I would like to invite each of you to all council meetings and you can hear how your tax dollar is spent.

Again, I Thank You

**Ronnie Hammond**

Pd Pol Adv by Ronnie Hammond, P O Box 562, Elba, AL 36623



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**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Elliott Smith, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays.....9:30 a.m.  
1st, 6th & 8th Sundays.....11:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
E. H. Hill, Minister  
Sunday School.....12:00 noon  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**DANAMUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. William Frank, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Donnie Marler, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bernard Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.



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"Thinking of you, praying for you, Johnnie Daniels, Rev. Charles Lane, Ella M. Brooks, Mary E. Holley, Mary B. Belcher, Rev. Henry Wang, Jr., Ernestine Kelley, Rev. J. Magwood, Pearl Tills, Johnnie Yelverton, Mary A. Blue, Wallace Belcher, Carolyn Lawrence, John F. Folmar, Glen Folmar, Lawrence Bryant, Dora D. Belcher.

"Program of the Eighty-Eighth Session of the Mulberry Baptist Women's Convention will convene at the Mulberry Baptist Education Building in Elba on Sept. 22-23 at 10 a.m. each morning.

"Annual Pastor Aid Day at Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance in Andalusia will be Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. A. R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba and Shiloh MB Church of the Tarentum Community.

"Community Revival in Elba



**LINDA ELLIS** - You'll Like Her Style! Linda, having completed the barbering program with honors this summer at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, Opp, is all smiles as she views new horizons. In 1992, Linda completed MacArthur's cosmetology program and internship with Virginia's Beauty Salon receiving her managers license. Most recently, she is seen proudly receiving Certification in Professional Salesmanship and Retailing at Dudley's Cosmetology University, Kernersville, N.C. Linda is a hair stylist in Enterprise.

Pictured with Linda are Joe Dudley Sr. and Assoc. Congratulations, Linda! God Bless Ya!

Today is a good day, be grateful!

**C.C. Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference to be held September 23rd**

The Coffee County Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference will meet Saturday, Sept. 23, at

Pleasant Shade Baptist Church at 10 a.m. All interested persons are asked to attend.

**"Singing Echoes" to be in concert at Jack Assembly of God**

Jack Assembly of God Church will have a gospel singing on Friday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. "The Singing Echoes" from Cleveland, Tenn. will be the featured group. Everyone is welcome to attend. Jack Assembly of God is located on Coffee County Road 208.

**Glenwood Assembly of God to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, September 24th**

Glenwood Assembly Church will have Homecoming Services on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dwight Pate, and the guest singers will be "The

**Homecoming and Revival planned at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church**

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located near Victoria, will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, Sept. 24. The guest speaker will be Rev. Hubert McWaters, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Dinner on the Grounds will be served following the morning service.

**Blankets now being collected for Sudanese Christians**

The Enterprise Christian Mission, in a joint effort with area churches, is sponsoring a blanket drive for persecuted Christians in Sudan.

"Although Sudan is located on the African continent, temperatures do not fluctuate as much as 50 degrees between day and night," said Annette Griswold, local sponsor of the blanket drive.

"The Sudanese Christians are being driven from their homes which are then destroyed, and churches burned, driving them into the wilderness with nothing to sustain them."

"The blankets can protect them from the cold," she added. "Islamic forces sell the young children of Christians into slavery, the girls are forced into prostitution and the boys are forced to memorize the

**Samford University seeks minister of the year nominations**

Samford University is accepting nominations for Alabama Baptist Minister of the Year awards. Nomination letters must be postmarked by Friday, October 13, 2000.

The awards will be presented at the Samford Alumni and Friends breakfast at the Montgomery Civic Center on November 14, during the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Three categories for recognition are based on Sunday school enrollment under 300, 300 and 1,000 or more. Other categories recognize bivocational and retired ministers.

Selection criteria include service as an effective and consistent

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday.  
May God Richly Bless You.

## Church Directory

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Randy Neal, Minister  
Bible Study.....6:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
J. E. Wesley, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Afternoon.....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.  
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**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Homer F. Moore, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:15 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J. L. Grayson, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**FATHI CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Dorsey Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Walter Faulstich, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**MULBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
R. B. Williams, Minister  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class.....6:00 p.m.

**MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION**  
Mary Seay, Pastor  
Sunday Morn. Service.....10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service.....5:00 p.m.

**NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
Loretta Flowers, Minister  
Sunday.....10 & 11 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening.....7:30 p.m.  
Fri. Evening.....7:30 p.m.

**NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Wayne Weber, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.

**NEW CHURCH OF HOLINESS**  
James Bryan, Minister  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:00 p.m.

**NEW VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Ray Layton, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Ben Amos, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Larry Viles, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Nathan Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.  
Thursday Service.....7:00 p.m.

# LIFESTYLES

## Chandler-Spurlin united in holy matrimony

Miss Lana Nicole Spurlin and Mr. William Varnon Chandler Jr. were united in marriage on Saturday, May 27, 2000, at seven o'clock in the evening at Crumly Chapel United Methodist Church in Birmingham. The Reverend David Caron officiated the candlelight ceremony.

Lana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd William Carr of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Cody Spurlin and the late Mr. Spurlin and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Grantham, all of Elba. Lana's honorary grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Felix Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith Sr. of Elba.

Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Varnon Chandler Sr., of Birmingham. He is the grandson of Mrs. Peter Pettit and the late Mr. Pettit of Montgomery and the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Chandler of Birmingham. Billy's honorary grandparents are Mrs. Loraine Stuart and Mrs. Metta Ayres of Birmingham.

Crumly Chapel United Methodist Church was erected in 1859 and was named in honor of Billy's great-great-great-grandfather, Robert Crumly. The double doors of the church were decorated with vine wreaths of multi lavender and purple flowers and silver ribbon. Miss Lisa Self, of Birmingham, greeted the guests and presented the wedding programs. The Sanctuary was illuminated with large brass candelabras filled with long tapered candles intermingled with greenery and assorted flowers in various shades of purple. Intermingled between the candelabras were eight tall white linen pedestals holding large ferns. The pedestals were connected by yards of white tulle. The center column held a massive purple and lilac floral arrangement of tulips, snapdragons, hydrangeas, lilies, sweet peas, figi mums, daisies, larkspurs, gladioli and roses. The Unity candle was interspersed with greenery, white satin streamers and tulle bows. Family pews were marked with white tulle and hurricane lanterns holding white tapered candles and cascading white flowers.

The groom was dressed in a black tux with white shirt and vest accented with a black bouton tie and a purple tulip boutonniere. Mr. William Varnon Chandler Sr., of Birmingham, father of the groom, attended as best man. Groomsman were Mr. Charles Wesley Chandler, brother of the groom, Mr. Christopher Joseph Muro, Mr. Thomas Rodham Tullos, all of Birmingham.

Michael Ryan Spurlin, nephew of the bride of Elba, was ring bearer. The bride's brothers, Mr. Pratt Hunter Branch III and Mr. Lloyd Grantham "Duke" Carr, of Elba, served as ushers and acolytes. Ring bearer was Master Danny Shane Williams of Prattville, cousin of the groom. They were dressed in identical black tuxes with white shirt, black tie and black and silver vest accented by purple sweet pea boutonniere.

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Mrs. Nikki Bush of Birmingham served as wedding director. Floral designer was Mr. Buddy Robbins of Birmingham.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Family Life Center. The entrance hall held a lace covered table decorated with ancestral photographs along with photographs and mementos of Lana and Billy from birth till their wedding day. Oil portraits of Lana and Billy, each at three years of age, hung above the memory table.

Miss Jennifer Michelle Muro, of Birmingham, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Jaclyn Marie Garrett, Miss Natalie Rose Muro, both of Birmingham, and Miss Heather Ann Bell of Nashville, New Hampshire. Their sleeveless floor-length gowns of lilac crepe featured a bateau neckline. The bodice was embroidered with a sheer strip of lilac French lace and satin ribbon. Each attendant wore a matching pearl necklace and earrings, a gift from the bride, and each carried a bouquet of purple iris, lilies, and sweet peas hand-tied with silver ribbon.

Flower girls were Miss Danielle Jean Williams, Miss Madison Alexandria Dozier, Miss Lauren Elaine Carroll, and Miss Sara Elizabeth Carroll, all of Prattville, cousins of the groom. Their tea-length white cotton dresses featured scallop necklines and were accented with a strip of lilac ribbon at the waistline. They wore matching lilac chokers with dark purple rhinestones, which were a gift from the bride. Each flower girl wore a white wicker basket filled with lavender rose pedals.

The bride's mother wore a pale pink floor-length sleeveless crepe gown with a bateau neckline accented with small pearls and iridescent sequins accompanied by a short matching long sleeve jacket featuring small pearls and iridescent sequins on the collar and bottom of sleeves.

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occasion were Miss Jennifer Muro and Miss Natalie Muro. Special guests were Lana's Delta Zeta sorority sisters from the University of Alabama.

A bridal tea in Lana's honor was given on April 30, 2000, at the Family Life Center of Crumly United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Metta Ayers, Mrs. Kay Carbone, Mrs. Cindy Davis, Mrs. Jan Douglas, Mrs. Tracee Duretti, Mrs. Beth Hason, Mrs. Debbie Ellis, Mrs. Tricia Frazier, Mrs. Donna Garrett, Mrs. Carolyn Giambrone, Mrs. Jackie Godfrey, Mrs. Ellen Harris, Mrs. Elsie Henson, Mrs. Peggy Law, Mrs. Virginia Lockhart, Mrs. Carolyn Giambrone of Birmingham, Mrs. Carolyn Mullen, Mrs. Frances Majerk, Mrs. Rose Lee McWhorter, Mrs. Joan Nix, Mrs. Pat Numnum, Mrs. Vicki Pritchett, Mrs. Susan Riggs, Mrs. Janet Smith, Mrs. Kim Swain, Mrs. Josephine Plyler and Mrs. Ann Shores.

The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Varnon Chandler Sr., hosted an after-rehearsal dinner at the lovely Birmingham home of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lockhart. Poolside tables were decorated with white linen cloths and table centerpieces held a variety of seagiving cruise menus. Delicious Dreamland Bar-B-Que, baked beans, cole slaw and Texas bread was served to approximately 80 guests. Special chocolate cheesecakes were furnished by family friends at Special Occasions.

Mrs. Carolyn Giambrone of Birmingham, a family friend, provided her famous shrimp appetizers. The bridesmaids were treated to a Charm Cake, which foretold their future.

On Saturday, May 27, 2000, a bridesmaids' luncheon was held at The Club in Birmingham. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Bernice Cash and Mrs. Diane Gilbert of Birmingham. The table was covered with a white lace cloth and held a beautiful purple floral arrangement. A delicious luncheon salad was served to the guests.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Stanley, all of Niceville, Fla.

He is a 1992 graduate of Niceville High School and also earned Associate degrees in criminal justice and computer science from Enterprise State Junior College. Dave is a senior at Troy State University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in computer science.

The couple will exchange vows on October 21, 2000 at four o'clock in the afternoon at Landmark Park in Dothan. A reception following the ceremony will be held at the Ramada Inn, Wiregrass Ballroom, 3011 Ross Clark Circle, Dothan.

All friends and family are invited to join in the celebration of the union of Dave, Kristy and Tyler.

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# SCHOOLS

## Student Spotlight



by Francie English  
Name: Brittany Daniels  
Parents: William Calvin Carpenter and Leisha Daniels  
Age: 15 years-old  
Grade: 11th grade  
Favorite Color: Baby Blue  
Favorite Music: R&B and Rap  
Favorite Activities: Spanish Club, ICA, FBIA, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta  
Interests/Hobbies: Talking on the phone, chatting on the computer, and hanging out with friends  
Personal Quote: "What goes around comes around."

Brittany's favorite subject in school is Algebra II. She enjoys Algebra II because she finds the way math works interesting. Her favorite thing about Elba High School is the Friday night football games. The one class that Brittany would like to take that isn't offered at Elba High School is a French class. She plans on going to college after she graduates. After college she wants to go to law school and seek a career as a lawyer. Brittany's most memorable moment at EHS is the day that everyone wore his/her "We love you Shandez" shirts to school after Shandez Daniels had been injured.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Bethany Dye  
Annada  
Beerenstrauch

## TIGER BRIEFS

### E is for Elbie

by Cammie Kelley  
On Thursday, August 31, the gym resembled the atmosphere at the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. There was candy flying, people shouting and music blaring. The reason for all of this celebration was Elbie tryouts. 5 brave contestants competed for the chance to wear the tiger uniform on Friday nights. All girls displayed new dancing techniques, great acting abilities, and most of all, lots of school spirit. However, only one girl was selected to play the part of Elbie. This year's Elbie is none other than Amber Norris. This will be her second year as Elbie. She did a wonderful job last year and will be an even better tiger this year. She's great!!!!

### Gulp, Gulp, Gulp

by Bethany Dye

"AHHHHH! The machine took my money again!" This phrase of exasperation will be uttered a lot less at Elba High School from now on. EHS has recently had approximately 13 new drink machines installed. The new machines are the proposed solution to the constant problem at EHS of students losing change in the drink machines. Principal Mike Williams stated that the new machines will help to modernize the break area and will be more convenient for the students. Because Coca-Cola is supplying all the maintenance, the new drink machines are guaranteed to work properly. They are just a few more examples of the improvements that are going on at EHS.

## Elba Elementary School Menu Sept. 25 - 29, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Applesauce, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Barbecue, Cole Slaw, Rice, Bread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Vegetable, Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
<b>Friday</b> - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - Steak Sandwich, French Fries, Corn, Apple Crisp, Milk

## EHS: Foul Language Not An Option

by Alan Head

Students attending Elba High School this year are faced with new disciplinary rules directed at curbing the use of foul language.

With obvious concern toward attaining its stated goal of providing students an orderly and safe atmosphere conducive to academic learning, EHS hopes to eliminate vulgar and obscene language from the campus by increasing the punishment for infractions.

Section "H" of the student handbook provides in part that "...using profane or indecent language..." is now regarded as a serious violation of school policy.

In the past EHS has simply allowed offenders to receive a paddling, or placed them in the In-School Suspension Program (I.S.S.) for a day.

Generally speaking, the use of profane or obscene language remains a Class 1 - Minor Offense.

## Top 10 Reasons To Live In Elba

by Amy Kirkland

10. We're located on one of the world's most famous travel spots, the banks of the mighty Pee River. 9. Your parents know what you did before you know you're gonna do it. 8. You get to meet new people every day.

7. We never have to worry about natural disasters, like floods and hurricanes. 6. The nearest mall is only minutes away.

5. We have a wide variety of fast food restaurants. 4. We get to enjoy a white Christmas every winter.

3. There is an endless amount of things to do on the weekend. 2. 4 words: Small town, big heart. 1. Because Elba spelled backwards is Able.

With the new rules now intact, however, some violations are clearly Class 1 - Major Offenses and punishable by up to three days in I.S.S. for a first offense, three days school suspension for a second offense, and suspension from

school pending administrative hearing for the third or subsequent offenses.

For any reader who attends EHS and wishes to avoid these new and tougher sanctions, a word of advice is to simply hold your tongue.

## No Ringing No Dinging

by Carmenda Coleman

On Aug. 30, an assembly was held in the Elba High School auditorium to inform EHS students about abstinence. Motivational speaker and singer Ms. Lakita Garth's most frequent saying was, "No Ringing, No Dinging" which meant no sex before marriage.

Lakita, herself, had chosen a life of abstinence. She used crowd interaction to get her message across to everyone present. She spoke about how society has its youth fooled into the notion that using a condom is having safe sex. Ms. Garth also mentioned that there are approximately 60 different sexually transmitted diseases. However, condoms do not protect against all of them.

Therefore, she basically stated that the only safe sex is no sex at all. She placed every unmarried member of society into three categories. Group A contained people that chose to live a life of abstinence. Group B had people that had not



decided on abstinence or sex. Group C contained all of the sexually active society members. Lakita discussed the consequences of each and left it up to the students to decide which group they wanted to be classified under, A, B or C.

## Counselor's Corner

Look for scholarship information to be posted on the "Counselor's Corner" bulletin board, in announcements by teachers, in the school newspaper and in handouts from Mrs. Weeks.

Seniors can schedule one official visit to a college of your choice. The Counselor must make an appointment and official documentation must be brought back to Mr. Carney or Mrs. Week the following day. Parents are required to sign the permission slip.

ACT test dates: October 28 deadline Sept. 22; December 9 deadline Nov. 3; February 10 deadline Jan. 5; April 7 deadline March 2; June 9 deadline May 4.  
College Day - October 26: Elba High School 11th and 12th grades.  
Career Day - November 24: ESJC Seniors.  
ESIC Speaker-College Terms and General Knowledge - October 16.  
ASVAB test - February 2001: 11th and 12th grades.

## Band News

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Elba Country Club.

Starting time will be 10 a.m. Teams will be formed by handicap. Entry fee will be \$35 and includes lunch.

Prizes will be awarded including closest to pin and longest drive. Door prizes will also be awarded.

To sign up, contact the Elba Country Club at 897-6600 or Laura Baxley at 897-6451. All proceeds will help buy new drums for the band.

The Daleville High School "Pride of the South" Marching Band announces the upcoming Daleville Invitational Band Classic. This event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The 2000 Band Classic promises to be bigger than ever with approximately 25 high school marching bands from all over the tri-state area.

There will be an abundance of food, fun and music for all ages. The festival will be held at the Daleville High School Football Stadium in Daleville.

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Courtney Jackson, the 16-year-old employee of Week's Tire, where she is a secretary.

Courtney's duties include answering the phone and assisting customers. Courtney's parents are Gary and Susan Jackson. She is a junior at Elba High School. She is a member of FCCLA and VICA.

Courtney plans on attending college to major in business.



Courtney Jackson

## SALUTE!!

## Students Of The Month

Student of the Month - Anna Anderson  
by Katie Crowe

This month's student of the month is ninth grader Anna Anderson. Anna is involved in Jr. Beta, SGA, FBIA, FCA, and First Priority. She is also a JV Cheerleader and a member of the EHS Dance.

Anna was selected as student of the month because of her ability to stay active and keep her grades above average.

Student of the Month - Austin Boothe  
by Katie Crowe

This month's student of the month is Austin Boothe. Austin is a junior this year and is in the Spanish Club, VICA, St. Beta, and Mu Alpha Theta. He is also enrolled in the new AP Western Civilization 266. Also, a FREE English as a Second Language Tutor Training Workshop held at ESIC teachers.

volunteers how to tutor non-native learners of English. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

FREE classes in English at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels for those who do not speak, read or write the language are offered at Enterprise State Junior College on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. These classes are offered through ESJC and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network. To find out more call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

## NEWS FROM ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer "Level I," will be offered in a second session this fall semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a

word processing software package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course, the second of two sessions offered this fall semester, is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, October 16-24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30.00 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is October 9. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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The Elba Clipper  
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A FREE Literacy Volunteer Training Workshop at Enterprise State Junior College teaches volunteers how to tutor adult non-readers and low-level learners. The psychology

of the adult learner, the use of Laubach reading materials and other methods for teaching adults will be examined. There is NO CHARGE for this workshop. To find out more, call 393-ESJC, ext. 266. Also, a FREE English as a Second Language Tutor Training Workshop held at ESIC teachers.

# SCHOOLS

## Beta Club Holds First Meeting

Because of a shortage of available funds from the previous school year, a fund raising activity was the first item on the agenda for the first meeting of the Beta Club. The members discussed and approved selling candy, an activity that was also approved by the administration. The candy sale began September 7 and will continue for approximately two weeks.

Dues for returning members was set at \$13 and dues for new members was set at \$25. The difference in the cost is to cover initiation fees required by the local and state organizations. September 30 was set as the deadline for paying dues.

Amie Perry was elected president by the members. Other officers who will help her lead the organization are Vice President Heather Danley, Secretary Sarah Maddox, Treasurer Kim Jordan, and Historian Heather Golden. The members of the scrapbook committee are Ashley Wambles, Amanda Perry, and Matthew Richards.

The community service project adopted by the organization was the writing of letters to disabled veterans. Another community project under consideration is a Christmas party for children whose Christmas might not be very good. The meeting was adjourned.

## FCCLA Meets

President Rebecca Ward called the first meeting of the Zion Chapel Chapter of FCCLA to order in the early weeks of September. Other officers of the chapter are Vice President Sarah Maddox, Secretary Nichole Mitchell, Historian Shambrae Calhoun, and Parliamentarian Allan Harrison. Vanessa Lipiot and Kristie Hall are the Recreational Leaders.

A representative from a company that specializes in fund raising in schools was on hand to kick off the annual fund raising activity. Most of the items that are being sold are things that will be ideal for Christmas gifts, Christmas wrapping paper, and candy. Each member was asked to meet an individual quota of \$260. Profit made from this sale will be used to help pay the costs of members attending



Zion Chapel High School  
**REBEL NEWS**  
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

## Welcome New Teachers

Cara C. Knighten

Mrs. Cara C. Knighten is the new guidance counselor at Zion Chapel High School.

Mrs. Knighten comes to Zion Chapel from Pike County, where she was the high school vocational guidance counselor.

Mrs. Knighten is originally from Brundidge where she attended high school. She graduated from Troy State University and has been teaching since 1995.

In fact, she said, "I live approximately 10 miles from the school and I have wanted to teach at Zion Chapel since completing college."

She said she was right in her desire to teach at Zion Chapel because she does enjoy being here.



Cara Knighten

She was also asked if she has, so far, enjoyed the job she has at Zion Chapel and she said, "Yes, it is super! Thanks for making me feel so welcome!"

Wanda Ellis Corley  
Mrs. Wanda Corley comes to Zion Chapel by way of Brewbaker Junior High in Montgomery and New Brockton High School in New Brockton.

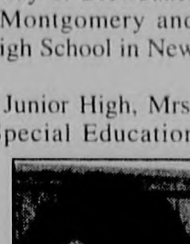
At Brewbaker Junior High, Mrs. Corley taught Special Education Courses. At Zion Chapel, she is teaching seventh grade reading and is the instructor for courses that come under Special Services.

She is married to Charles Corley and they have no children. She does have a cat, Kitty Girl, two nieces and one nephew.

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## Rebel Band News

### ZC Students Participate in Summer Concert

Kimberly Jordan, Amie Perry, and Stacey Cape, along with band directors working on their graduate degree at Troy State, performed a concert after only two weeks of rehearsal. Kimberly, Amie, and Stacey were asked to perform with the band directors because originally there were not enough band directors involved to perform a concert.

Students from other schools were also asked to become a part of this concert band.

The performance was on June 17 and the audience was made up of band campers, Troy citizens, and band directors. It was held in the Troy State University Long Hall Band Room.

Mr. John McCrory, chapter sponsor, did the cooking. The menu also included homemade ice cream. The cookout was held on a Saturday afternoon so everyone had plenty of time to enjoy the food and entertainment. The entertainment included watching a video named "Gone Fishin'" and listening to various college football games on the radio.

Guests at the cookout were Mrs. Lori McCrory, John Wayne McCrory, Heather Arnold, David Eddins, Sam Wambles, Denise Cooper, Russell Faircloth, Josh McWaters, Jeremy Eddins, and Josh Carney. A surprise visit was made by Alumni Wes Bragg who must have smelled the food cooking.

week was spent learning marching basics by marching in the parking lot.

Drum Major Amie Perry, Band Captain Kimberly Jordan, Col. guard Captain Melissa Taylor, Lieutenant Sarah Maddox and Historian Shambrae Calhoun were the band officers who participated in the rookie camp.

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### Rookie Camp

In order to prepare new band students for the upcoming band camp and marching season, a rookie camp was held the week preceding the camp for the full band.

Eighteen band rookies participated in a camp where they were taught by older band members, the basics of marching procedures. The rookies were taught different commands and marching fundamentals. In fact, the majority of the

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## ZC Welcomes Exchange Student

Barbara Bar is a 16-year-old exchange student from Germany who is staying for the year with George and Jody Millette and their 4-year old daughter.

Barbara is from Voltermoor, a town near Bavaria, Germany. She has been to the United States before but never to Alabama. She visited in California once before. Here, Barbara is a senior. In Germany she would be in the eleventh grade because schools in Germany go through grade thirteen.

She found when she got to Alabama that she had difficulty understanding English even though she had been taught English in Germany. She said, "I've been taught English, but it is very different to hear, much faster." She said that the southern accent and the southern slang has also made English a little bit more difficult for her.

After nearly two months, she has begun to understand her teachers and her classmates much better. At first, because of her difficulty in understanding, her courses were hard for her, but, that too, is getting better. Her favorite courses are driver's education and Spanish.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was just another of those weeks where if it could happen, it would happen! First, the dog dug up a deer skull and scared the girls when they headed out to school one morning, then Dad got volunteered into helping with Melanie's homework and did it all wrong. The worst thing came late in the week when a small water leak under the hood turned into leaks in just about every hose and the water pump. The week was capped off Sunday, when I bumped my head in the dark room developing film, and had to set copy for a while while wiping blood off my forehead. Heck, for once I was looking forward to Monday.

## ELBA TIGERS SEE ANOTHER ONE SLIP AWAY

The Elba Tigers have lost three straight games to open the 2000 football season, and in doing so have managed to lose all three games in different ways. In the opening loss to Straughn, the Tigers moved the ball up and down the field only to fail to put points on the scoreboard, while in the loss to Sanson the Tigers committed three turnovers that turned into three Sanson touchdowns, and last week in the loss to Luverne the Tigers missed an extra-point that gave Luverne a breath of life, and then watched as yet another possible win slipped away in overtime. Like they say in Hee Haw, "If it weren't for bad luck I'd have no luck at all."

The Elba Tigers played perhaps their best game of the young season last week in their 26-23 overtime loss to Luverne. The Tigers rushed the ball for over 200 yards, and found out that they do have a quality running back in Michael Sams and that that also have a pretty good offensive line. Sams gained 165 yards and scored all three Elba touchdowns in the game, and didn't have to do it by himself, as the line opened up some big holes, and at times fired off the football looking for picks to hit. The lack of a passing attack did allow the Luverne defense to load up to stop on overtime, but now that the Tigers know they can run, I am sure they will work in an effective passing attack to help balance the offense. If Elba can find some sort of passing game, the offense could get pretty good, pretty soon. Over on defense, the Tigers had a bunch of big plays throughout the game, but seemed to tire late when Luverne began having success running straight ahead. Elba's defense had nine tackles for losses in the game, including four quarterback sacks, and was more aggressive than it had been all season. They still missed some tackles and allowed a few big plays. However, the defense was aggressive and for the first time this season actually hit somebody.

I know that Luverne wasn't really all that good and that Elba still lost for the third time in three tries, but for the first time this season I did see some players giving it all they had and also saw some players that were hurt by the loss. The players, both young and old, have to realize that it was their improved play that almost resulted in a win, and must come back this week and play even harder. If the Tigers will give a better effort every time they hit the field, the wins will come, and all the folks that are predicting an 0-10 season will have to eat their words.

## A VERY GOOD WEEK FOR TEAMS IN THE AREA

The third week of the season turned out to be a pretty good week for the teams in the area as Kinston, Zion Chapel and Brantley all posted big wins, and even though it lost, New Brockton hung tough and was in the game until late in the fourth quarter. Here's a short look back...

\*\*\* **KINSTON (1-2)** pulled off a major upset by defeating Arton 10-7, and now the Bulldogs all of the sudden have the chance to go 2-0 in the region with a win this week over Florala. The Bulldog defense, which had been pushed around in the opening two weeks, grew teeth up in Arton, and discovered that maybe it wasn't as bad as everyone thought. A few subtle changes on offense also paid dividends, and after three weeks the players and coaches in Kinston appear optimistic. It is amazing that a win will do for a team, and a town.

\*\*\* **ZION CHAPEL (2-1)** was expected to have a tough time with Pleasant Home, but the Rebels scored on the first play from scrimmage to let the Eagles know they were in for a fight. The Rebels never let up in posting a solid 32-8 region win. The Rebels discovered their missing running game, proved they were far more than just a one-man team on the offensive side of the ball, and also showed that they knew how to play defense. If the Zion Chapel defense can keep getting better and the offense can become balanced, this gang of Rebels might just get ready for better yet.

\*\*\* **BRANTLEY (2-1)** showed it was still alive and well by knocking off previously undefeated G.W. Long 23-20 in Skipperville. The Bulldogs had been labeled as just an average team after a big loss to Highland Home, but proved last week that "Bulldog Pride" was very much alive, and showed that even though this year's "Dogs" may not be as talented as some of the Brantley teams in years past, they are still a team to be reckoned with. Opposing fans can forget about that trip to the funeral home, these Bulldogs are alive and well, and will see 'ya at the Dog pound.

\*\*\* **NEW BROCKTON (0-3)** played hard for all four quarters in its 21-7 setback to Wicksburg and showed its fans and its future opponents that it would not go down without a fight. The Gamecocks were down only 14-7 at the half, and showed a lot of pride and determination on defense that will have to help down the road. The offense is still very limited in what it can do, but it too showed signs of life as the Gamecocks had a runner go over 100 yards. I've got a hunch that the Gamecocks are going to surprise somebody pretty soon.

## QUICK KICKS....

\*\*\* The Elba Junior Tigers saw their record slip to 1-1 last week with a loss to Opp, but I talked with the coaches and players late in the week and they were upset because they all felt they should have won. If the loss hurt bad enough, maybe the players will work extra hard in weeks to come to make certain losses are few and far between. The Tigers get a rematch with Opp in a few weeks, and it will be interesting to see if they can get revenge.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team continued its struggles last week in a loss to New Brockton, and ended the week with a 1-3 record. The Lady Tigers don't have any dominating players, but can win if they work together and play hard every minute of every game. Anything less will result in a loss! The two younger teams also lost to New Brockton, and maybe the time is now to take a long look at the overall volleyball program. It is a major sport for the girls, just like football is to the boys, and winning matches should be the norm, not the exception.

\*\*\* I have always been a supporter of Bob Knight, and believe that the administration up at Indiana set him up for the fall he took last week. No coach in Division I worth his weight in anything could survive in a "zero tolerance" policy, certainly not a coach as vocal as Coach Knight, and there is no doubt the administration knew it when it passed the guidelines. The folks in charge didn't have the guts to fire him. So, they set him up and then made it look like it was Coach Knight that was totally to blame. It is true that Coach Knight is no saint, but let those that live in glass houses throw the first stone. In Indiana, not many stones will be thrown!

\*\*\* It had become evident in recent weeks that Coach Mike Dubose didn't really like Alabama's wide-open style of offense under assistant coach Charlie Stubbs, and wanted the Tide to return to its former style of running the football straight ahead, and straight over any and all challenges. The Tide's change in offensive thinking was never more evident than in Saturday's embarrassing 21-0 loss to Southern Mississippi. Alabama couldn't run the football at all, but the coaches refused to admit the mistake and kept on running all the way into the fourth quarter. If it was Coach Dubose's plan to shut everyone up about how good Tyler Watts really was it worked. However, at the same time it left Dubose wide open for another round of criticism, and unless something changes in a hurry, may even cost him his job.

\*\*\* I saw in a news report last week that Tiger Woods was on the verge of signing a new five year, \$100 million contract with Nike. Woods' previous contract with Nike was a \$40 million pact for five years, while the new contract will be the richest ever in sports. Woods already has a five year, \$30 million deal with Buick, and several financial experts have predicted that the 24-year-old super star will one day be sports' first \$1 billion man. Maybe I should e-mail Nike and let 'em know that I will wear their clothes for nothing, they can just send me the clothes.

\*\*\* I talked with Coach Ken English last week and he told me that he was coaching the junior high basketball team down in Malone until the varsity season started, and that his team was 6-0 at week's end. The Florida schools play their junior high seasons early and get it over with before the high schools start playing, and that gives the head coaches a chance to work with the younger players, and still be the varsity coach. Good luck coach, and rest assured that I will see 'ya play this season.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and despite fitting only 26 of 33 picks last week, was still convinced that he is in the midst of one of his best ever. The week 4's results moved his yearly totals to 75-20, which I will admit isn't all that bad. Here are this week's picks...

## ELBA VS. OPP

Another one of Elba's oldest football rivalries will be renewed this week when the Tigers head over to Opp to battle the Bobcats. Everyone knows the Tigers have been struggling for years and appear to be near the bottom of the 3A heap this season with an 0-3 record, but the Bobcats will enter the game with a disappointing 1-2 record, and won't feel sorry for the Tigers one little bit when they hit the field Friday night. Elba had better be ready, because Opp will get all it can as it tries to get things turned around.

## OPP 26 ELBA 10

## KINSTON VS. FLORALA

These two teams are both probably happy to be playing each other this week. The Bulldogs are happy because they won last week and can go 2-0 in the region with a win over the 0-3 Wildcats, while Florala is happy because as bad as things are, they have pounded the Bulldogs by a combined score of 110-28 over the past two years, and have to believe they will finally get a win. One team will be proven right, while the other have to look down the schedule for another possible win.

## KINSTON 20 FLORALA 16

## ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

The Elba Tigers' record to 2-1 last week and will be a very confident bunch heading over to battle the 0-3 Purple Cats, especially after Arton's latest loss to Kinston. Arton may be 0-3, but the 'Cats aren't any-

## Elba Tigers to battle Opp Bobcats

## Week #4 action includes key match-ups

The high school football season is now in week #4, and while three of the area teams will be battling against region opponents, the other two teams will move up in class and attempt to pull off early-season upsets.

In action on Friday, it will be Elba at Opp, Florala at Kinston, Zion Chapel at Arton and Cottonwood at New Brockton, while on Saturday night Southern Chocoway will be at Brantley.

Following are previews of this week's area high school football action:

## ELBA (0-3) AT OPP (1-2)

One of the area's oldest prep football rivalries will be renewed Friday night in Opp when the Elba Tigers invade Channel-Lee Stadium to tangle with the Opp Bobcats.

The Tigers will bring a disappointing 0-3 record into the annual clash after losses to Straughn 27-7, Sanson 19-14 and Luverne 26-23 in overtime, while the Bobcats will enter the game with a 1-2 slate after defeating St. James 14-7 in their season opener, and then suffering back-to-back losses to Charles Henderson 40-32, in triple overtime, and UMS-Wright 21-13.

"We will come into the game with an 0-3 record and there is no doubt that Opp will be by far the best team we have played," said Elba's Coach Julius Head. "To say we will have our hands full is an understatement! Opp has a very physical football team that has played some very outstanding football teams early in the season. They just line up and play hard nosed football on every play, and see if you are man enough to stop them. They have moved the football well on offense in every game, and over on defense they have played well, but have played some very good competition and gave up some points. There is no doubt they have the best team we have faced this season, and may be the best team we will face the entire season."

"If we are going to pull off an upset Friday night," added Coach Head, 3-10 as the head coach at Elba High, "we will have to play tough on every play on both offense and defense, and not make any mistakes. On offense we will have to be effective running the football, and probably throw the ball more to keep their defense honest. Our defense will have to be physical up front, tackle well and not give up any big plays. We have given up long scoring plays in every game this season, and can't do that and have any chance at winning down in Opp. With a break or two we could be 3-0 right now and filled with confidence, but we are 0-3 and need a win very badly to give us a shot in the arm for the rest of the season. An upset win over Opp would certainly give us that shot, but it will take our best effort on every play on both offense and defense, and our best job of coaching to pull it off. A lot of people might not believe it, but despite our record, we are going down to Opp Friday night to win the football game!"

The Tiger offense has been led this season by Michael Sams, a shifty 145-pound fullback, that has gained 233 yards and scored 4 touchdowns, and Josh Moultry, a powerful 180-pound fullback, that has carried for 123 yards and scored 1 touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Brantley Petty moved into the starting role the second week of the season, and has hit on 9 of 20 passes for 91 yards, while the leading receiver is tight end Marcus Henderson, with 7 catches for 161 yards and 1 touchdown.

The Elba defense has allowed an average of 24 points per game, but has stepped up level of intensity in recent weeks, and in last week's overtime loss to Luverne recorded nine tackles behind the line of scrimmage. The Tigers are led on defense by defensive backs Brandon Petty and Michael Sams, who have combined to make 30 stops and 3 assists in just three games. Michael Reed has chipped in with 13 stops and 3 assists from his defensive tackle position, while the quarter of Marcus Henderson, Brandon Salter, Jason Curran and Josh Moultry have combined for 49 tackles and 15 assists.

The team's records might indicate this game will be a toss-up. However, the Tigers will have their hands full with the talented Bobcats, and it will take their best effort of the season to stay within striking distance.

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where as bad as many people think, and if the Rebels aren't careful they could head back to Coffee County late Friday night wondering what happened.

## ZION CHAPEL 23 ARITON 20

## NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

New Brockton showed signs of improvement last week in all areas in a loss to Wicksburg, while Cottonwood suffered its second straight loss and saw its record slip to 1-2. The folks over in Brockton are hoping that the cool weather over the weekend may have put the Bears in hibernation. However, I am afraid the Gamecocks will run head first into a bunch of hungry Bears Friday night looking to feast on chicken.

## COTTONWOOD 27 NEW BROCKTON 0

## BRANTLEY VS. SOUTHERN CHOCTAW

The Brantley Bulldogs scheduled this week's game on Saturday night to give everyone in the area the chance to see just how the 1A Bulldogs match up with the two-time defending state champions from Southern Chocoway. I don't think Southern Chocoway is as good as in years past, but the only good thing I can see about this game is the fact the Brantley fans didn't have to drive to Silas.

## SOUTHERN CHOCTAW 20 BRANTLEY 10

## OTHER PICKS:

Dothan 24 Caro 17  
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Charles Henderson 28 Hillcrest 8  
Daleville 16 Rehobeth 6  
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Goshen 35 Gulf Shores 0  
Sanson 26 Houston Academy 13  
Highland Home 29 Straughn 13  
Houston County 27 Wicksburg 0  
G.W. Long 45 Pleasant Home 12  
Eufaula 34 Russell County 7  
Bibb County 17 Andalusia 15  
Pike County 20 Dadeville 19  
Opelika 27 Central, PC 10  
Wetumpka 40 R.T. Washington 8  
Stanhope Elmore 28 Valley 3  
Luverne 20 Flomaton 18  
Washington County 30 W.S. Neal 20  
Georgiana 22 Red Level 15

## FLORALA (0-3) AT KINSTON (1-2)

The Kinston Bulldogs left some fur on the turf a week ago in Arton after defeating the Purple Cats 10-7, and this week will be looking to chew on another set of felines when they host the Florala Wildcats, for their 2000 homecoming.

The Bulldogs grabbed their first win of the season last week by surprising Arton 10-7, in a key Class 1A, Region 2 contest, and will be looking to go 2-0 in the region this week with a win over the Wildcats. While Kinston may actually be favored Friday night, the Bulldogs and their fans must remember that despite Florala's 0-3 start, the Wildcats have scored 110 points against Kinston over the past two years, an average of 55 points per game! This has been a down season for the Wildcats, to say the least, since Florala has won the 2A state title two straight years, and after getting off to a fast 3-0 start, has made it known a three-peat could very well be on the way. Southern Chocoway has defeated 4A Chocoway County 7-6, 4A Thomasville 20-7 and 4A Greene County 27-12 in rolling to its 3-0 record, and has been especially tough on defense.

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## ZION CHAPEL (2-1) AT ARITON (0-3)

The Zion Chapel Rebels claimed their second win of the young season last week and will be looking to go 2-0 in the Class 1A, Region 2 standings this week when they travel to Arton to battle the winless, but hungry Arton Purple Cats.

Zion Chapel claimed an impressive 32-8 win over Pleasant Home last week, and looked much improved on both sides of the football. Josh McHaffey stepped up and ramled for almost 200 yards to lead the offense, while the defense worked as a unit to stop the high-scoring Eagles. The big loss to Houston County in week #2 obviously had no lingering effects on the Rebels! Arton was expected to be vastly improved over a year ago, but the Purple Cats are 0-3 after losses to Alabama Christian 28-0, Catholic 24-14 and Kinston 10-7, are will be hungry for a win against their arch-rivals from Coffee County.

If the Rebels think this will be an easy win they had better step back and think again. Nothing is as dangerous as a hungry 'Cat backed into a corner, and an 0-2 start in the region would spell an early-season disaster for Arton. This grudge match could resemble a war.

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## SOUTHERN CHOCTAW (3-0) AT BRANTLEY (2-1)

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed a big Class 1A, Region 2 win last week over previously undefeated G.W. Long, but this week will jump out of the frying pan and into the fire when they host two-time defending state 2A champion Southern Chocoway, Saturday night in Brantley.

The Bulldogs had struggled in their opening two games on both sides of the football, but grew up and showed the intensity that carried them to 27 wins over the past two seasons in last week's win over Long. Brantley was effective both running and passing against the Rebels, and despite giving up some

yardage, made the big plays when it counted! Southern Chocoway has won the 2A state title two straight years, and after getting off to a fast 3-0 start, has made it known a three-peat could very well be on the way. Southern Chocoway has defeated 4A Chocoway County 7-6, 4A Thomasville 20-7 and 4A Greene County 27-12 in rolling to its 3-0 record, and has been especially tough on defense.

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## SPORTS

## Elba falls to Luverne in overtime 26-23

## Late comeback sinks Tiger victory plans

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers found out once again Friday night that close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades!

The Tigers closed out a winless three-game home stand and fell to 0-1 in the Class 3A, Region 1 standings last week when they were defeated by the Luverne Tigers 26-23, in overtime.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-3, while Luverne got its first win of the season and improved to 1-2 with the region win.

Elba failed to move the chains on its first three possessions of the game, but got a break early in the second quarter when Michael Sams intercepted a Luverne pass and returned it to the Luverne 38-yard line.

The Tigers wasted little time cashing in on the turnover as they marched 38 yards in nine plays to get on the scoreboard. A 12-yard pass completion from Brandon Petty to Dougie Pierson on third down and eight gave the Tigers a first down at the Luverne 13, and two plays later Michael Sams ramled into the endzone from 4 yards out. Chris Turner added the extra-point, and with 6:53 left in the half Elba was on top 7-0.

Luverne's J.J. McCreary returned the ensuing kickoff 52 yards to the Elba 30-yardline, and then took a handoff on the very next play and scored 39 yards untouched to put Luverne on the scoreboard. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 6:26 remaining in the half Luverne had struck the quickly and cut the Elba lead to 7-6.

The Elba defense turned back a Luverne scoring threat at the Tiger 31-yardline late in the half, and then simply ran the clock out, as they went in at the half still leading 7-6.

Luverne received the second half kickoff and promptly drove 65 yards in 10 plays to take its first lead of the night.

Justin Moody was the workhorse of the scoring march as he gained 34 yards on five carries, and the senior quarterback had the key play in 10 plays to take its first touchdown when on second down and 18 he broke loose and scrambled 26 yards to a first down at the Elba 8-yardline. Moody scored the touchdown on a 4-yard dash, and looking to give us that stingy conversion failed. Luverne had moved ahead 12-7 with 7:07 left in the third quarter.

Elba began its next possession at its own 38-yardline after an 80-yard kickoff return by Dougie Pierson, and surprised the Luverne defense by driving 62 yards in 10 running plays to regain the lead!

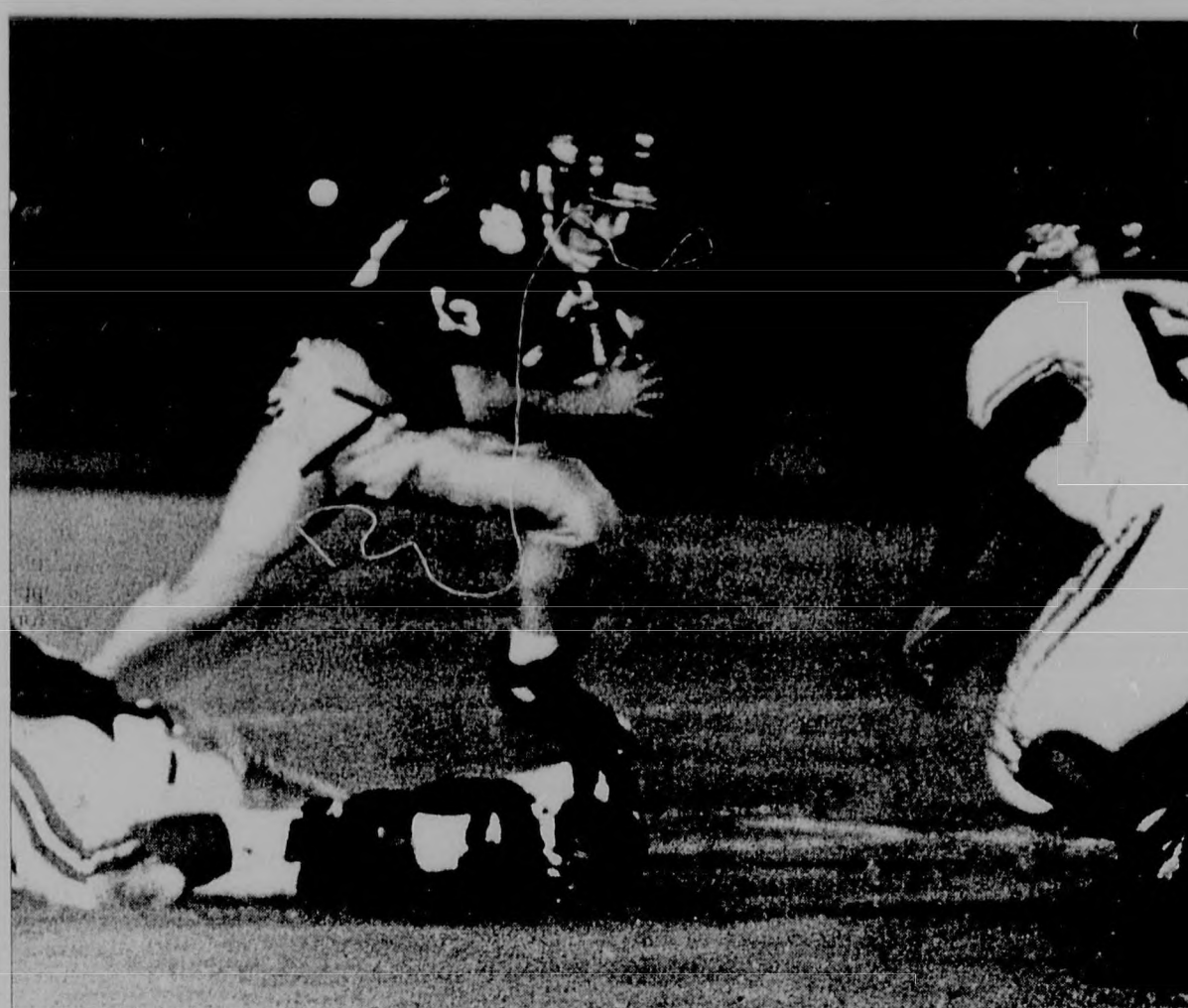
Michael Sams got the call on one of the key running plays plays and responded by gaining 58 yards, including a 15-yard sprint around the corner for the Tiger touchdown. Chris Turner kicked the extra-point, and with 2:14 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers were back on top 14-12.

The Elba defense, led by the play of Brandon Salter and Josh Moultry, came up with a big stop at its own 31-yardline early in the fourth quarter to turn back a Luverne scoring threat, and the Tiger offense responded by marching 69 yards in five plays to get right back into the endzone.

A 58-yard scamper by Michael Sams on the first play of the drive moved the Tigers to the Luverne 11-yardline, while the touchdown came on fourth down when Sams bulled over from two yards out. A hobbled snap resulted in the extra-point try being blocked, but with 7:20 remaining in the fourth quarter Elba had extended its lead to 20-12, and the Tigers' elusive first win of the young season was definitely in sight.

A 14-yard kickoff return and a late hit out of bounds enabled Luverne to take the ensuing possession at its own 40-yardline, and Luverne drove 60 yards in 12 plays to catch the Tigers.

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Elba Tiger fullback Brandon Salter (13) eyes a Luverne defender after breaking through a hole at the line of scrimmage. Salter and the Tigers will travel to Opp Friday night to battle the Opp Bobcats. Kickoff for the annual battle will be at 7:30 P.M.

Luverne converted a fourth down and one at the Elba 33-yardline later in the drive on a three-yard sneak by Moody, while DiQuane Mitchell took over from there, and capped off the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run. Mitchell bulled over for the all-important two-point conversion, and with 1:09 remaining on the clock the score was tied at 20-20.

Luverne recovered a spunk kick at the Elba 34-yardline on the ensuing kickoff and had a chance to pull out the win but a clipping penalty pushed Luverne back toward midfield, and Elba regained possession at the Tiger 38-yardline with 1:11 still left on the clock.

A 14-yard run by Dougie Pierson on a reverse moved the Tigers to the Luverne 48-yardline with 4:06 remaining, but a fullback pass by Marcus Henderson was intercepted on the final play of regulation, and the two rivals headed into overtime.

The Tigers had the ball first in the overtime and moved ahead 23-20 when Chris Turner booted a 23-yard field-goal on fourth down and six.

Luverne's DiQuane Mitchell then gained five yards on two straight carries; however, and the second run put Luverne into the endzone and gave it the win 26-23.

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## STATISTICS

	E	L
1st Downs	16	231
Rushing Yds.	54	285
Passing Yds.	62-11	240
Turnovers/Int.	2-24	65
Punts-Ave.	2-24	
Penalty Yds.	65	

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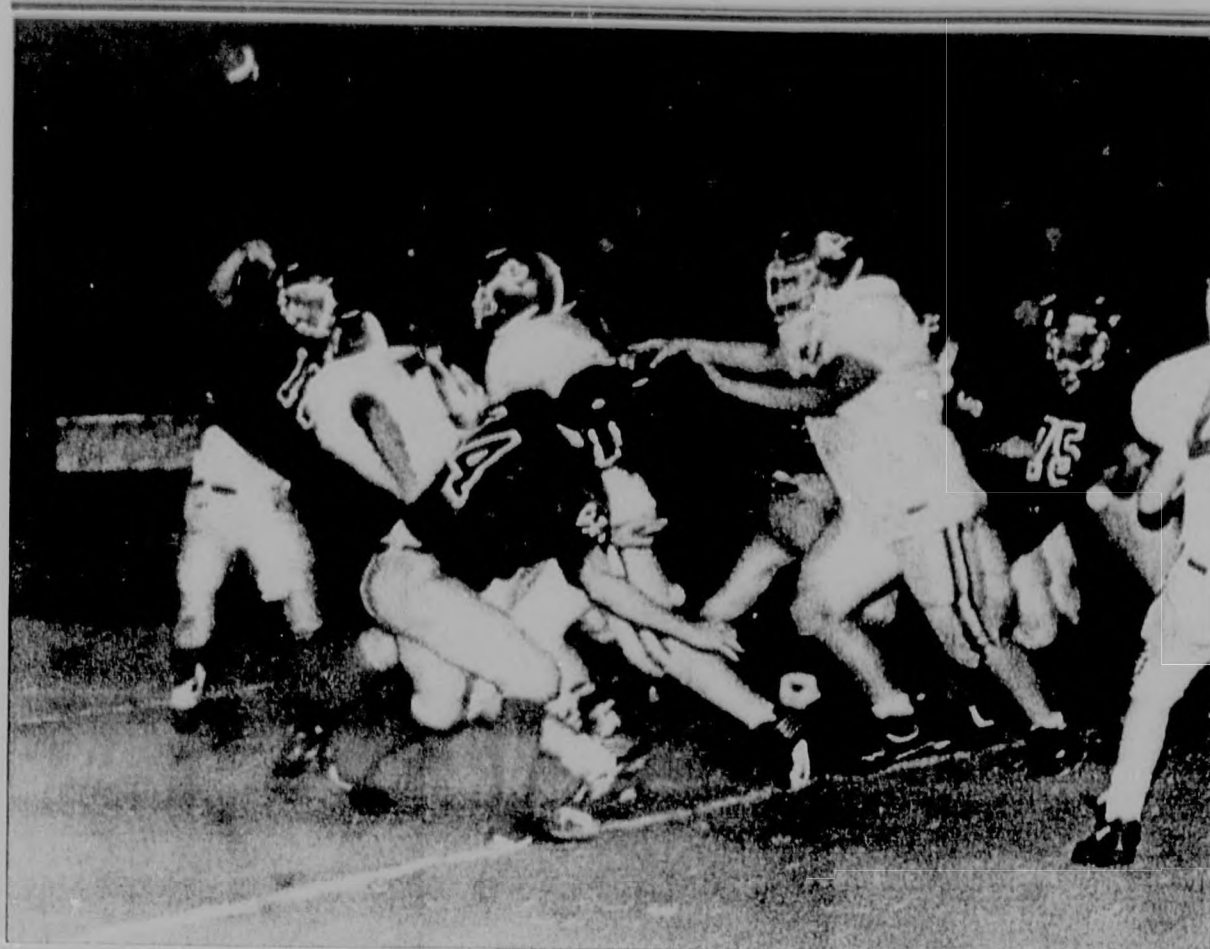
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## SPORTS



Zion Chapel quarterback Marcus Taylor (15) ignores a heavy pass rush and fires downfield in the Rebels' 32-8 region win over Pleasant Home. The Rebels will look to go 2-0 in Class 1A, Region 2, this week when they invade Arton. Also pictured for the Rebels are Adam Blake (44) and Billy Wayne Nelson (75).

## Elba Junior High Lady Tigers to compete this weekend in volleyball tournament

Enterprise Junior High School will join hands this weekend to sponsor the "Wild-Fin Volleyball Tournament."

A total of 10 junior high volleyball teams will compete in pool play, with matches being held at the gyms at Dauphin Junior and Enterprise Junior High.

Elba Junior High will enter two teams in the tournament, with the 7th grade Lady Tigers competing in Pool 2, and the 8th-9th grade Lady Tigers competing in Pool 1.

"We are the only school having two teams in the tournament," said Elba's Coach Leroy Carney. "We know that our seventh graders will be at a disadvantage in the tourney, but they can learn

from the higher level of competition, and all the girls on both teams are looking forward to the event."

Pool play will begin at 8:00 AM at both locations, and following is the pool schedule, with the Elba 8th-9th grade team in Pool 1 and the Elba 7th graders in Pool 2:

**POOL 1, at Dauphin**  
Match 1 - Dauphin vs. Geneva  
Match 2 - Elba vs. G.W. Long  
Match 3 - Arton vs. Dauphin  
Match 4 - Geneva vs. Elba  
Match 5 - G.W. Long vs. Arton  
Match 6 - Dauphin vs. Elba  
Match 7 - Geneva vs. G.W. Long  
Match 8 - Arton vs. Elba  
Match 9 - Dauphin vs. G.W. Long  
Match 10 - Geneva vs. Arton

**POOL 2, at Enterprise Junior**  
Match 1 - Enterprise vs. Ozark  
Match 2 - Dathan vs. Elba  
Match 3 - Arton vs. Enterprise  
Match 4 - Ozark vs. Dathan  
Match 5 - Elba vs. Enterprise  
Match 6 - Enterprise vs. Dathan  
Match 7 - Ozark vs. Elba  
Match 8 - Enterprise vs. Dathan  
Match 9 - Enterprise vs. Elba  
Match 10 - Ozark vs. Enterprise

The winners of the Pool competition will meet for the tournament championship at Dauphin Junior High, approximately thirty minutes after the completion of Pool play. Admission will be \$4 adults and \$3 students.

## Improve record to 2-1, 1-0 in Region 2

# Rebels gun down Eagles 32-8

By Randy Winters, Sports writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels jumped out to an early lead and never looked back Friday night as they pounded the Pleasant Home Eagles 32-8, at Zion Chapel, to improve their record to 2-1 and move to 1-0 in Region 2 action.

The Rebels received the opening kickoff and gave the Eagles a quick preview of things to come as on the game's first play from scrimmage Josh Mehaffey took a handoff, found a gaping hole in the Pleasant Home defense, and raced 74 yards for a touchdown. A high snap resulted in an unsuccessful extra-point attempt, but with only 22 seconds gone in the first quarter Zion Chapel was in the lead 6-0.

Zion Chapel regained possession at the Pleasant Home 33-yardline after a fumbled pitch-out, and once again headed for the endzone!

It took the Rebels eight plays to cover the distance into the endzone, but Zion Chapel got the touchdown on a 1-yard sneak. The extra-point try was again unsuccessful. However, with 5:57 remaining in the opening quarter Zion Chapel was already in charge with a 12-0 advantage.

Pleasant Home marched to the Rebel 32-yardline on the Eagles' next possession and appeared ready to get back in the ball game, only to be turned back by a pass interception by Zion Chapel's Adam Blake.

The Eagles regained possession at their own 10-yardline after a Rebel punt, but were once again stung by a turnover, as Zion Chapel's Josh McWaters stepped in front of a Josh McCraney pass and returned the interception 10 yards for a Rebel touchdown. A two-point conversion try failed, but Zion Chapel was on top 18-0 with 3:11 still left in the first quarter and the Rebel fans were on their feet.

Pleasant Home's offense held on to the football and marched to the Zion Chapel 16-yardline on the Eagles' initial series of the second half, only to once again be turned away by the big-play Rebel defense.

Zion Chapel's lead went to 24-0 midway through the third quarter when Josh Mehaffey's second touchdown run of the night capped off a 10-play scoring march. However, Pleasant Home was determined to avoid the shut-out, and did so when Author Coleman took a hand off and scampered 70 yards for the Eagle touchdown. Coleman also ran in with the two-point conversion, but Pleasant Home still had hopes of a late comeback as they cut the Zion Chapel lead to 24-8.



THE SIGN SAYS IT ALL...A large crowd of Zion Chapel supporters were on hand Friday night to help the Rebels bring home another victory. The Rebels will need their support again this week when they battle the Arton Purple Cats, in Arton.



The Zion Chapel Rebel Marching Band got the chance to play the fight song on a number of occasions Friday night in the Rebels' big 32-8 win over Pleasant Home.

and Josh McWaters both had 6 tackles to lead the defensive charge. Pleasant Home was led on offense by Author Coleman with 187 yards on 33 carries.

## STATISTICS

ZZ	1st Downs	Pt
12	7	
48-300	Rushes-Yds.	47-225
41	Passing Yds.	-3
341	Total Offense	222
2-5-0	Passes	1-4-2
2-30	Punts-Ave.	2-30
8-70	Penalties-Yds.	4-45

## Grab important Region 2 win

# Kinston kicks Purple Cats 10-7

By Jeremy Hattaway, Sports writer

The Kinston Bulldogs opened Region 2 action with a bang Friday night as they surprised the Arton Purple Cats 10-7, in Arton.

The Purple Cats put together an impressive drive midway through the first quarter and marched deep into Kinston territory, only to be turned back empty-handed when the Bulldogs' Patrick Nelson intercepted an Arton aerial in the endzone.

Kinston put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline following the touchdown, and drove 80 yards to get on the scoreboard. The long scoring drive was highlighted by the running of Ryan Anderson and the passing of Cody Sansom, with a key play in the drive being a 33-yard pass from Sansom to Tim Whigham. Bo Driggers scored the touchdown on a 2-yard plunge, and Donnie Sansom kicked the extra-point, as Kinston moved ahead 7-0 with 11:48 remaining in the second quarter.

The two defensive units dominated play for the remainder of the half, and it was the Arton defense

that set up the Purple Cats only score of the night, as the Cats pounced on a Bulldog fumble at the Kinston 33-yardline midway through the third quarter.

Arton quickly drove in for the core following the fumble recovery with Matt Grantham getting the touchdown on a 2-yard run. Grantham tacked on the extra-point, and with 6:34 left in the third quarter the Purple Cats had caught the Bulldogs at 7-7.

The Purple Cats recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff and appeared ready to take the lead, but an intentional grounding penalty slowed the Arton advance, and the Bulldogs survived the scoring threat.

The two rivals swapped possessions until midway through the fourth quarter, when the Bulldog offense, and Kinston promptly marched downfield in an attempt to beat the clock, and the Purple Cats' 36-yard pass from Cody Sansom to Jim Betside set the Bulldog

dogs up with a first down and goal at the Arton 6-yardline, but three plays left Kinston facing a fourth down at the two, and the Bulldogs' decided to try for the field-goal.

Donnie Sansom calmly drilled the 19-yard field-goal try, and with only 40 left on the clock Kinston was ahead 10-7.

Arton returned the ensuing kickoff to near midfield, and the Purple Cats twice threw deep into Kinston territory, only to see the Bulldog defense again rise to the challenge and preserve the win on a pass interception by Jim Betside with :12 remaining.

Ryan Anderson gained 78 yards on 16 carries to lead the Kinston running attack, while Johnny Key led Arton with 58 yards on 13 tries.

## STATISTICS

K	1st Downs	A
34-91	Rushes-Yds.	34-146
77	Passing Yds.	35
168	Total Offense	181
4-8-4	Passes	2-12-2
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
1-42	Punts-Ave.	3-29
8-70	Penalties-Yds.	8-67

The Gamecocks remained winless last week with a 21-7 region loss to Wicksburg, and will need a win this week to snap their losing streak and avoid going 0-2 in all-important region competition. The New Brockton offense did appear a little better a week ago, and if the defense, which has allowed over 30 points a game in three losses, will step up, better days could be ahead. Cottonwood will bring a less than impressive 1-2 slate

into the game, with a win over Rehoboth 20-15 and losses to Headala, 28-14 and Geneva County 21-3. The Bears' losses have both been to very good teams, and they know a win this week is a must in their plans to make the playoffs.

Don't let the records fool ya, Cottonwood is still a very dangerous football team, and the Gamecocks will have to be at their best for all four quarters to even have a chance.

## SPORTS

## Brantley rallies past G.W. Long 23-20

# Bulldogs make it a "long" night for Rebels

By Greg Branson, Sports writer

The Brantley Bulldogs journeyed to Skipperville Friday night for a big Class 1A, Region 2 battle against the G.W. Long Rebels. The two 1A powers met a year ago in the state playoffs with both teams sporting 13-0 records, and the result was a lopsided 54-13 Bulldog win. The Friday night rematch was a very different story, but it did have the same result, as Brantley scored in the fourth quarter to regain the lead and held on to escape with a hard fought 23-20 victory.

Brantley took the opening kickoff and made a pair of first downs before being forced to punt. A short punt gave the Rebels excellent field-position at their own 46-yardline, and on Long's very first snap, the Rebels' Lorenzo Williams took a handoff and raced 54 yards through the Brantley defense for a

touchdown. Ben Woods kicked the extra-point, and with 6:37 remaining in the opening quarter G.W. Long was already on top 7-0.

The Bulldogs took the ensuing kickoff and drove 74 yards in 9 plays to catch the Rebels. The touchdown came on a 14-yard burst by Darrell Owens with 2:21 left in the first quarter, and Gregory Daniels added the extra-point, as Brantley pulled even at 7-7.

Dexter Daniels intercepted a Brian Johnson pass on the next series to set the Bulldogs up at the G.W. Long 44-yardline. Six plays later Gregory Daniels barreled over from a yard out, and even though the extra-point try failed, the Bulldogs were in the lead at 13-7 with 9:18 remaining in the half.

Two key plays in the drive were a 21-yard run by Darrell Owens and a 14-yard pass from Andy Johnson to Gregory Daniels.

G.W. Long bounced right back and drove 72 yards in 12 plays to all even with the Bulldogs. Jeff Williams got the touchdown on a 5-yard run with 3:46 left in the second quarter, but the extra-point try failed, and the two teams went back up field with the score deadlocked at 13-13.

Gregory Daniels booted a 25-yard field-goal late in the half to put Brantley back on top, and at half-time the Bulldogs went in still clinging to the slim 16-13 advantage.

A pass interception by the Rebels' Lorenzo Williams turned back a Brantley threat early in the third quarter, and G.W. Long promptly regained the lead as the Rebels' marched 73 yards in 11 plays to reach pay dirt.

The touchdown came on a 3-yard halfback pass from Lorenzo Williams to Jeff Williams, and Ben Woods kicked the extra-point to put G.W. Long back on top 20-16 with 1:44 remaining in the third quarter.

Brantley received the ensuing kick and answered the Rebel score with a long touchdown drive of its own.

Brantley pounced out 71 yards on 13 straight running plays, with the score coming on a 3-yard run up the middle by Darrell Owens. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 6:12 remaining in the game Brantley was back ahead 23-20.

Brantley turned the ball over on downs late in the game at the Bul-



Brantley Bulldog running back Darrell Owens (5) gained over 100 yards and scored 2 touchdowns to help the Bulldogs defeat G.W. Long 23-20 last week in Skipperville. The Bulldogs will be back in action Saturday night when they host two-time defending 2A state champion Southern Choctaw.

dog 48-yardline, and G.W. Long immediately headed toward the Rebel endzone as on the Rebels' first play Brian Johnson hit Lorenzo Williams with a 36-yard pass that gave the Rebels a first down at the Brantley 12-yardline. The next two plays netted only two yards; however, and on third down and eight Dexter Daniels stepped in front of a Johnson pass near the goal line to preserve the wild 23-20 win.

The Brantley offense showed signs of improvement in the win, and the defense, anchored by Bobby Phillips, Tyrone Knighten, Tyrell Knighten, Dexter Daniels and Andy Johnson, came up with

STATISTICS		
B	1st Downs	L
15	Rushes-Yds.	35-173
41-212	Passing Yds.	57
96	Total Offense	230
5-40	Penalties-Yds.	3-25
8-12-1	Passes	3-6-2
1-4	Punts-Ave.	2-40



The Brantley High School "Emerald Wave" Marching Band performed Friday night during halftime festivities of the Brantley-G.W. Long football game. The band performs at all Brantley Bulldog games. They, along with the cheerleaders, lead the fans in cheering the Bulldogs to victory each and every week.

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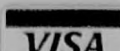
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# LIFESTYLES



**Nelline Hudson retires from United States Postal Service**

A retirement dinner was held in honor of Mrs. Nelline Hudson on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Kelly's Bar-B-Que in Elba. Mrs. Hudson is retiring after years of service as a postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Elba. She said she will miss the people on her route as well as her co-workers, however, her plans for now are simply to REST!

## Joseph Bentley Long celebrates first birthday on July 7th



Joseph Bentley Long

Joseph Bentley Long, the son of Victor and Whitney Wise Long, had his first birthday and happily celebrated with family and special friends at the Village Pier Park on St. Simons Island, Ga. on July 7, 2000.

Also attending Bentley's party were his Mommy and Poppy from Enterprise, Shirley and Robert Earl Morgan. Bentley is also the grandson of the late James J. Wise Jr. of Elba. His great-grandmothers are Mary Alice Wise of Elba and Mary Lacey Nolin of Red Level.



Mr. & Mrs. Alton Bailey

## Bailey's celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Alton and Merlene Bailey of Brantley recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family.

The couple was married on Sept. 14, 1950. They have three children: Shirlon Dye of Elba, Pamela Bailey of Auburn and Charles Bailey of Brantley. They also have four grandchildren: Bethany and Benjamin Dye of Elba and Courtney and Nicki Bailey of Brantley.

All the family attended the celebration which included a dinner and a 50th Anniversary cake. A special video was presented by the family in honor of the celebration. The video consisted of old family movies and special music.

The surprise highlight of the evening was limousine service to the celebration site for Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and their grandchildren.

Alton is the son of the late Joe Banks and Lula Bailey of Brantley. Merlene is the daughter of the late Roy D. and Bertha Mae Mount of Brantley.

## Annual Curtis Reunion to be held October 14th



Herman and Hansel Prescott represent the honored family

The 15th Annual Curtis School Reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. at the covered pavilion behind the New Ebenezer Baptist Church (Curtis). The honored alumna will be Marilyn Arnold Brannen and the honored family will be Sally Prescott Mitchell, Hansel Prescott and Herman Prescott.

Please bring a covered dish. Ice and serving utensils will be furnished. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship, food and many laughs down memory lane.

For more information, contact Janice Cowen Hudson at (334)527-3701 or Nell Wilson Gilmer at (334)492-2182.

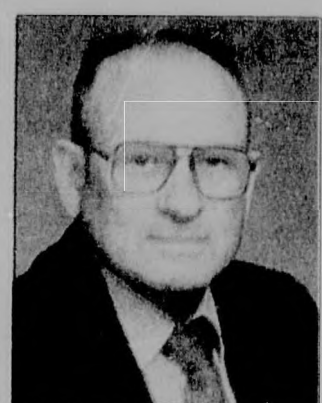
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Judge Gammill attended elementary through high school in Enterprise, graduating in 1966. He has been married to the former Kathy Kelsor for 34 years. Together they have three children: Amy, Andy and Anna and three grandchildren: Shelby, Hayden and Sidney. Their church home is First United Methodist Church in Enterprise.

Judge Gammill received a B.S. degree in Business Management and two Master degrees in Psychology-Counseling and Personnel Management. He was a charter member of the Bull Weevil Lions Club, past member of the Enterprise Rotary Club, member AUSA, TROA, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Alabama Probate Judges Association, South Central Mental Health Board, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Community Bank & Trust Board of Directors, Cahaba First Capital Preservation Board, and past member of the South Alabama Regional Council on Aging.

Judge Gammill wants to continue the progress started in his first term. A continued dedication to service to the people of Coffee County by all Probate office personnel will remain a top priority. Modernization of equipment will be ongoing and the availability of public access to records will continue to be computerized. Different methods of payment to include credit cards will be explored. Judge Gammill asks all citizens of Coffee County to keep the progress going and support him in his bid for reelection as Probate Judge of Coffee County.

## THANK YOU!



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<b>VO-5 ASSORTED SHAMPOO 89¢</b> 15 OZ. BTL.	<b>PLAIN OR SELF-RISING WHITE LILY FLOUR \$1.39</b> 5 LB. BAG	<b>XTRA LAUNDRY DETERGENT \$1.99</b> 6 LB. BOX	

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## NOTICE

Effective October 1, 2000, the hours for the drive-thru window at city hall will be 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The hours were previously 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## Coffee County Arts Alliance offering free performance on Sept. 24

The Coffee County Arts Alliance opens its 2000-01 season with a free afternoon performance on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church. The Coffee County Arts Alliance wishes to dedicate the 2000-01 artist performing series in honor of Luella Henderson who has been a major contributing member to the arts alliance since its conception in May 1974.

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## Plans for Elba's Christmas festival underway

The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently announced that plans are underway for the annual Christmas Festival on the Square in downtown Elba. This year's theme will be "Share the Spirit." As in the past, the festival will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving on Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This year's plans include great entertainment throughout the day, including a hand bell choir, cloggers, a bluegrass band and other local talent. Most of the favorite activities will again be on this year's agenda, such as buggy rides, pictures with Santa, the Girl Scouts' tea party and many arts and crafts exhibits. The beauty pageant held in conjunction with the festival will take place on Nov. 11.

The evening will wrap up with a magical Christmas parade. In addition, last year's lighting ceremony was a memorable event and will be repeated this year with new nominees. Another added feature to this year's holiday events will be a Tour of Homes to be held on Dec. 10.

Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125 for further information.

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## STATE OFFERS \$500,000 FOR COUNTY'S HEALTH FACILITY

## County's FY 2000-2001 budget nears \$12 million

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's bi-monthly meeting was rather lengthy Monday due to the opening of annual bids. They also adopted a balanced budget of almost \$11.8 million for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

There was little discussion among the commissioners concerning the budget before it was voted on, mainly due to the fact that they have been holding budget hearings during the past few weeks.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley gave an abbreviated breakdown of the budget consisting of the following "main items": general fund - \$4,075,016.00; landfill fund - \$2,921,600.00; 72 gasoline fund - \$2,108,100.00; 3R gasoline fund - \$1,217,000.00; public highway & traffic fund - \$297,020.00; public buildings, road & bridge fund - \$727,873.00; and reappraisal fund - \$432,640.00.

The lone vote against approval of the budget was cast by Commissioner Doug Dymally.

"In my opinion, we were not fair with the workers on the raises we passed out," he said. "And, if we keep robbing the road and bridge funds three and four thousand dollars a year, we're still going to have bridges that the governor can stick his hand through the piling and still have dirt roads. I'm opposed to this budget."

Commissioner Bernest Brooks

also voiced his concerns that the employees' salaries were not sufficient enough to hold experienced employees. "We're not paying these people a good living salary," he said.

Commissioner Robert Stephens commented that the annual salary increase amounted to a two step pay raise - approximately 5 percent.

The Peoples Bank was designated as the county's depository. Their proposal was to pay the county 6.15 percent interest on deposits and the loan rate (guaranteed for the whole year) was set at 5.75 percent.

There was several minutes of discussion before the motion, made by Stephens and seconded by Commissioner Linda Westbrook, was voted on and passed in a 4-2-1 vote. Voting for the motion were: Commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, Len Averett and Kayo Lewis; Commissioners Dymally and Tom Grimley both opposed the motion; and Commissioner Brooks abstained.

An attempt by Commissioner Brooks to get the matter tabled failed. There seemed to be concern about the length of time the banks had to submit their proposals.

As a result of the discussion concerning the designation of the depository, it was approved by the commission by a unanimous vote to send all banks the invitation to submit proposals next year in July, thus giving them almost three months to prepare their respective proposals.

In another business matter, the commission voted unanimously to accept the state's offer to purchase the health department building for \$500,000.00. This is the balance of the amount owed on the facility. Originally, a bond issue in the amount of \$1 million was issued to construct the facility. The state has been paying the county monthly for the use of the facility on an annual basis which, over the years, comes

awarded the following annual bids: filter blanket at 55¢ per yd. by Con-tech Construction Products of Tallahassee, Fla.; herbicides were split between Helent Chemical, Dothan, Timberland Enterprises of Auburn, Red River Specialties of Pelham, Argo Distribution Company of Dothan, and Nature Chem; Southeast Materials of Birmingham was low bidder on supplying crushed stone; the bid for seeding, fertilizing and spreading went to Coffee County Farm Co-Op; the bid for to provide gasoline and diesel to the county, and finally, the low bid for plain steel pipe went to Harvey Culvert of Onetona.

The Coffee County Commission will hold its next bi-monthly meeting on Monday, October 9th, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

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The commission also voted to place the \$500,000 in a special account, and to use the interest generated in retiring debts.

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## County to hold Breast Cancer Forum

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

As the temperatures begin to cool and the days seem shorter, it can only mean one thing...October is nearing.

Many look forward to the month of October because it brings cooler temperatures, the leaves on trees turn colors for Autumn and Halloween is celebrated. However, the month has also become associated with a more serious issue that affects many Americans daily.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Studies show that breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, and it is the second leading cancer-related death among women in the United States. Therefore, many organizations, medical professionals and interested parties are working to help educate women of this horrific illness.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, a step will be taken to educate women about breast cancer when the Coffee County Breast Cancer Forum is held at Enterprise State Junior College's Multi-Purpose Room.

The purpose of the forum is to equip women with the information they would need if they were diagnosed with breast cancer and to update them on things that can be done to prevent and detect breast disease early, according to Lucille Latham, committee member of the Coffee County Breast Cancer Forum.

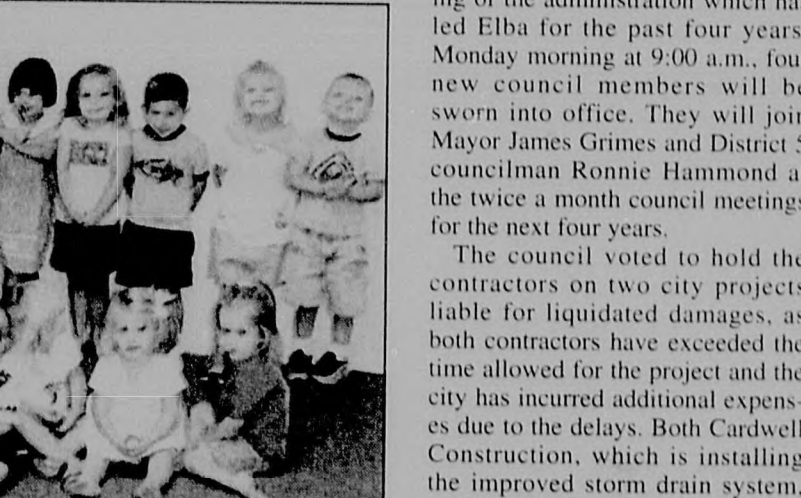
Jan Prescott, a breast cancer survivor from Jack, Ala., said she believes this forum will be a step in the right direction to help educate women about this disease.

"Early detection is so important," said Prescott. "It could keep many women from having to go through as much as I did."

Prescott was diagnosed with breast cancer in Oct. of 1998 when she went to her doctor for a yearly checkup. She said she had noticed some swelling under her arm even though she could not feel a lump.

"I thought it might be a strain from lifting kids," she said. "That was just part of not knowing the detection signs."

Prescott and her husband had just built a daycare center in the Jack area before she was diagnosed. Preparing for the opening of the



A REAL SURVIVOR...Jan Prescott, breast cancer survivor, is captured above with many of the children from the daycare she owns and operates in the Jack community. Prescott said the people of the area and the children from the daycare were a big part of her recovery and defeat of breast cancer.

center is why she decided to go ahead with her yearly doctor's visit before she got too busy.

It turned out to be a much needed doctor's visit as she had surgery for breast cancer within a week of her check-up and then underwent eight treatments of chemotherapy and 33 treatments of radiation.

"I was lucky in that I only had to have a lumpectomy," said Prescott. "A lumpectomy is when only the lump has to be removed instead of the whole breast."

"Often times, we questioned why we built the daycare," she said. "But, everyone was so wonderful during my recovery. I believe that having the daycare actually made me fight more to get well."

She said she even continued to work at the daycare when the doctors thought it might not be good for her health in that she would be more susceptible to illness while she was undergoing the chemo treatments.

"I feel like I don't have cancer anymore," Prescott said. "I believe God had already healed me before the treatments were finished."

She said she continues to go for check-ups every four months, and she got a good report when she went to the doctor earlier this month.

"The best advice I could give women is to go have your mammogram even if you don't have the

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council collected Monday evening for the final meeting of the administration which has led Elba for the past four years. Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., four new council members will be sworn into office. They will join Mayor James Grimes and District 5 councilman Ronnie Hammond at the first council meeting for the next four years.

The council voted to hold the contractors on two city projects liable for liquidated damages, as both contractors have exceeded the time allowed for the project and the city has incurred additional expenses due to the delays. Both Cardwell Construction, which is installing the improved storm drain system, and Speegle Construction, which is installing the upgraded sewer system, will be charged \$300 and \$400 a day respectively for every day they have exceeded the contract terms.

The council approved a two year contract with Coffee County EMS for continued emergency ambulance service at a cost of \$48,000. It is the same financial terms as the existing contract pays. Half of this is to be paid by the City of Elba and half by Coffee County.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that the Grand Jury would convene on October 16th and the councilmen could expect a good bit of news to come out in their closing report.

The council approved resolutions supporting Alabama Amendment #1 on the November general election ballot and a resolution proclaiming October 1-7 as Public

Power Week.

Mayor Grimes reported the city's health insurance has gone up in three years and will not increase in the coming year. He noted the city really improved their position by changing to the local government

health program and stopping those 10% annual cost increases.

Grimes also reported receiving a \$48,000 state grant to continue the study on the drainage problem on Beaver Dam and Moores Creek watersheds.

Other options considered were as follows: any account not paid by the end of the month for services being provided would be suspended until all outstanding charges and fees were paid in full; and the other was, any account not paid by the end of the month for services provided would have their service terminated and their containers picked up. Reinstatement services would be required and outstanding charges of \$25 to include the reinstatement fee.

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lowing: any resident not paying their fee by the 10th of the month (they are due on the 1st of each month) will be turned over to the small claims court for collection. This policy goes into effect on October 1st.

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## OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS were honored for their service to the community Monday evening as Mayor James Grimes gave each a plaque thanking them for their years of service.

Councilmen Harold Banning and Winzell Gray, left and right respectively completed four years of service while Councilman John W. Sharpless is completing 26 years of service, having been appointed to fill an unexpired term on November 7, 1974. He chose not to seek re-election after building a new home out of his district (District #2). Councilman Ben Carpenter was not present for the Monday night ceremony.

## County residents urged to pay garbage fees on or before Oct. 1

by Marvin McLain, Editor

In Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission, rural residents were urged to pay their garbage collection fees promptly or legal action will be taken.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley noted that notification had been sent to ALL residents presently receiving the service and he instructed to make their payment to the Coffee County Commission in lieu of Mark Dunning Industries.

Mark Dunning Industries will continue picking up the garbage but the collection of fees is now the responsibility of the county. The payment can be mailed to the Commission office or taken in person to a newly established office for this purpose which is the old driver's license office located in the County Complex in New Brockton. There are three options of payment: \$60 for six months, \$31.50 quarterly, or \$11 monthly. The fees MUST be paid in advance.

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